

DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



DMPA Meeting

**Next DMPA Meeting
January**

State of Nebraska
Legislative Update -
with Burke Harr and
Sara Howard

Location and times:
Dundee Presbyterian Church
53rd & Underwood Ave

7:00 Social
7:30pm Meeting
Bring
a friend or two.



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Letter From the President

It is hard to believe it is already 2014. It seems like it has been winter for too long already after the cold spell in December. According to the Omaha Police, every year the cold weather brings with it an increase in automobile thefts in Dundee. Nearly all of these thefts are the result of people running their cars unattended in order to warm them up in the cold weather. Not only is this an open invitation for someone to steal your car, it is also against the law to leave an unattended car running on the street. Just this morning as I was leaving for work there were three unattended cars on the street running. I know it is inconvenient to go out to a cold car but it is far more inconvenient to have your car stolen knowing this could have easily been prevented.

Winter also brings snow in addition to the cold. Just a reminder that every property owner is responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of a snow event. I know the vast majority of Dundee residents are very responsible in getting the snow removed as quickly as possible. But every year we have some who are not. It is important to get the sidewalks cleared so our children can walk to school and residents, who may depend on walking as their source of transportation, can get around. If you have an elderly neighbor who may be unable to clear snow, please help them out.

Dundee is one of the neighborhoods where parking restrictions go into effect after a snowfall so that snowplows can better clear the snow off of our streets. The law requires that cars be moved to the even side of the street on even days / odd side of the street on odd days. In past years, compliance with this law has been sketchy at best. It is to our benefit to comply with this law as it allows our streets to be cleared more quickly and efficiently. Our residential streets are narrow and if cars remain in violation of the law, the plows cannot get through and it takes longer for our streets to be cleared from curb to curb.

As we head into 2014, DMPA has another productive year to look forward to. We will have at our January association meeting an opportunity for you to come question and hear from our two state senators Sara Howard and Burke Harr. This will be a great chance to talk with them as the 2014 session of the Legislature begins.

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President's Message

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In February, we are going to use our association meeting to honor and thank all of you who have volunteered for DMPA over the past year. We want to thank all of those who have contributed to the success of this association because without our volunteers we could do nothing. Please plan on attending.

It is never too early to start thinking about spring. And spring means flower basket planting. We will once again need volunteers to help plant 475 flower baskets in March. It is always a great time with neighbors and friends as we plant the baskets. Please watch for more details in future newsletters.

DMPA has begun the process of looking at projects for 2014 as the grant writing season approaches. One project that we are looking at is the small park located at 48th & California St. Many years ago, DMPA led the effort to renovate that small piece of property with the installation of a light pole, bench and brick sidewalk. In recent years, the park has started to show its age and need for rejuvenation. This is an important gateway to our neighborhood so it needs to be attractive. We have contacted Metro Community College about possibly involving their students in the creation of a new design for the park.

As always, please do not hesitate to let me know of any problems that you see in the neighborhood. I look forward to seeing you at the next association meeting.

Dave Schinzel

Flower Basket Planting: Volunteers Needed!



The DMPA's annual flower basket planting event will take place on Fri. and Sat., March 21 and 22, at Indian Creek Nursery Greenhouse (303 N. Saddle Creek Road.) We'll need lots of volunteers to plant our 475 baskets of begonias! Indian Creek Nursery will care for the baskets through the spring. In May, the beautiful baskets will be hung on the historic Dundee street lights, spreading the unique charm that says Dundee all through the neighborhood.

Planting starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until about 3 p.m., with a mid-day break for a lunch donated by neighborhood restaurants. Come join the fun!

To volunteer for one or both days, sign up at the next DMPA meeting, or e-mail Mary Green at megreen4@cox.net, or call 402-556-1830.

Julia Ross and Mary Green,
Flower Basket Co-Chairs



DMPA MEETINGS CALENDAR

- January:** State of Nebraska Legislative Update - with Burke Harr and Sara Howard
- February:** Thanks to Our Volunteers



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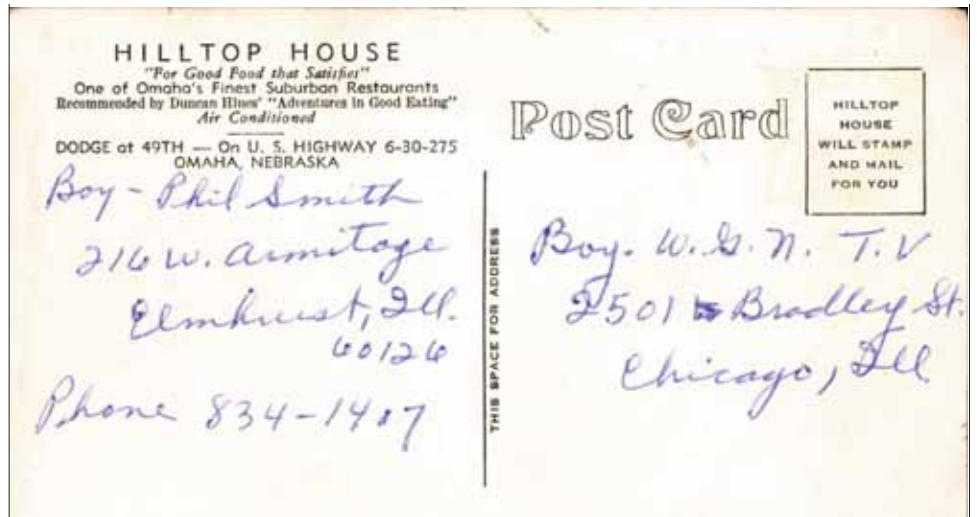
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Postcards From The Past

By Cate Kratville

Who remembers the warm and delicious creamed chicken at the old Hilltop House restaurant at 49th and Dodge Streets? I do! No doubt many of you remember that iconic restaurant on the south side of Dodge. It served our Dundee neighbors, and the rest of Omaha, for many decades until it closed about 35 years ago. Since closing, the building has been home to a variety of businesses and is still a thriving place in Dundee.

It's hard to believe now, but Dundee was once on the outskirts of Omaha. The back of this postcard gives evidence to that by stating it's "One of Omaha's Finest Suburban Restaurants." And, it made sure to mention that it was air conditioned. Note that in the postage stamp area, it states that "Hilltop House Will Stamp and Mail For You." I wonder how many people took them up on that? I estimate this postcard is from the 1940s.



Photos from the November DMPA Meeting

Dundee History Presentation





The number one topic of discussion in Dundee has to be real estate. So when I ran into a Dundee friend at lunch a few months ago, of course I asked

him how the sale of his house was going. He told me a disconcerting tale of how a “for sure” sale was completely derailed by the discovery of a quarter-sized patch of mold in the attic. Since that time his house has sold, but questions remain: Are mold concerns legitimate? Or over-hyped? And what should you do to prevent or solve mold problems?

A few molds like *Stachybotrys atra* (pronounced Stack-ee-bot-ris) can be lethal. They cause flu-like symptoms, breathing difficulties and loss of memory. Fortunately milder molds are much more common, but even these molds can cause health problems and trigger attacks among asthma sufferers. (So the question about over-hyping mold concerns remains unanswered. The concerns are probably over-hyped right up until you or a member of your family suffers from a mold caused health problem.) Mold comes dressed in many colors: white, black, green, or fluorescent.

Mold spores are a natural part of the environment that you can never completely eliminate and only become a problem in your house when they land on a moist spot and begin to grow. Mold needs water to grow and it feeds on cellulose—wood, ceiling tiles, and plasterboard, for example. Because of the greater number of cellulose products used in new house construction, our old houses are a little less likely to have mold problems.

The best offense against mold is a good defense: moisture control. So repair all leaks (even tiny ones), properly

ventilate extra moist rooms like bathrooms and laundry rooms, clean your gutters faithfully (stop grumbling and get the ladder), and fix leaky windows and roofs.

What should you do if you discover mold in your house? The answer depends on the size of your problem. If the area is less than ten square feet, the US Environmental Protection Agency says you can probably do the job yourself if you follow some simple precautions. If it’s a larger area, or you have a respiratory condition, or you just want to be cautious, call in a specialist. You can find many companies listed in the yellow pages under “Environmental and Ecological Services”.

If you’re going to tackle the problem yourself, the EPA suggests:

- Fix any water problems, preferably within 24 hours.
- Scrub the mold off hard surfaces detergent and water and then thoroughly dry the area.
- Absorbent or porous surfaces like carpet or ceiling tile probably will have to be thrown away.
- Do not paint or caulk over mold, the paint will just peel off.
- If the item is rare or of sentimental value, consult with a specialist.

During any mold cleanup operation, limit your exposure—wear gloves (long ones up to the middle of your forearms) and goggles (ones without ventilation holes)—and avoid breathing in mold or mold spores. I would recommend you wear a respirator.

For more information about mold, mold prevention and mold removal go to the EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/mold/index.html>

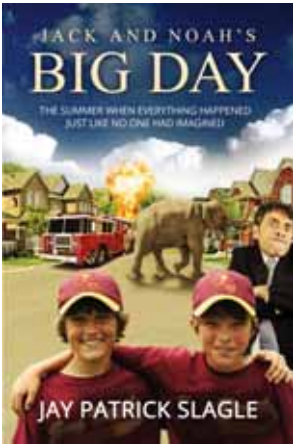
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Dundee Authors



Dundee resident Jay Slagle recently published *Jack and Noah's Big Day*, a novel set in Dundee and aimed at readers age 7-12. The book tells the story of two eight-year-old boys who find themselves at the start of what promises to be a very boring summer – no camps, no vacation, no fun. They decide to plan the ‘coolest birthday party ever,’ which leads them to have several visits from the police,

make regular appearances on television, and spend quite a bit of time with their lawyer... who happens to be seven years old. That's pretty unusual for eight-year-old boys, but that's what happens when your summer includes an exploding house, elephants marching down the street, and a visit from celebrities.

The characters in the book are based on children who attend St. Margaret Mary and Dundee elementary schools, and the book features a number of Dundee landmarks. While there is ample humor in *Jack and Noah's Big Day*, the book also delivers a very strong but subtle message about charity, responsibility and persistence.

The book is available for \$9.99 at the Bookworm at 8702 Pacific and at www.amazon.com. A Kindle version is also available at Amazon. More information on Slagle and the book can be found at www.jayslagle.com

Dear Dundee Neighbors,

I haven't been writing an article for the last couple of months because I've been working on a book. I am thrilled to announce the release of my memoir, *Worth Keeping: Life with My Extraordinary Daughter*. In the book, I tell my story as Liz's mother and Liz shares some of her insights into what it is like to be a person on the Autism spectrum.



My purpose in writing this book was not to explain what it is like to have a child with a disability. That is a story unique to each mother and father who has walked in those shoes. The story I wanted to tell was what it has been like to have Liz in my life.

I think those of you who know Liz would agree that she is unlike anyone else you have met. I hope I have captured her one-of-a-kind personality and that I have shown how much joy and laughter she has brought to my life.

The book is available in paperback and Kindle editions at amazon.com. Go to “Books” and search jean.sigler.hope you enjoy our story!

Dundee Clock Gets a Facelift

The Dundee clock at the paint workshop where Rachel Kolb and Molly Romero painted the gold trim.

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Yoga Storytime - Thursday, January 2 | 10:30 AM

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Moive Day: Planes - Friday, January 3 | 1 PM

Enjoy popcorn while watching a movie about what happens when a plane with a fear of heights competes in a world aerial race.

Fit Club - Saturday, January 4 | 2 PM

Have fun while working out! Play video games that will get your heart pumping.

Reading with Rosie & Tucker - Saturdays | 4 PM

Rosie and Tucker are registered therapy dogs. Along with their owner, children have the opportunity for a 15 minute one-on-one reading session. Registration required.

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, January 7 & 21 | 4:30 PM

Have fun playing Minecraft at the Library. Program limited to ages 8-18. Registration required.

Llama Llama Visits Sorensen - Wednesday, January 8 | 10:30 AM

Llama Llama wants to meet the kids at A.V. Sorensen Branch, so he's joining us for a special storytime! Remember your camera!

Lego Club - Wednesdays, January 8 & 22 | 4:30 PM

Use your imagination to build anything you want with Legos. Snack provided.

Interactive Movie Day: Wizard of Oz - Saturday, January 11 | 1 PM

Participate in fun, interactive events while watching this classic film and enjoying popcorn.

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays, January 15, 22 & 29 | 10:30 AM

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Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, January 18 | 2 PM

Enjoy snacks & refreshments while discussing issues and helping out at the Library!

Aromatherapy for Teens - Saturday, January 25 | 2 PM

Learn how to create homemade air fresheners and essential oil room sprays. Registration required.

Adult Programs

Scrabble - Thursdays | 1 PM

Join us at the Library for some fun with the classic board game Scrabble!

Movie Day: Downton Abbey -

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Thursday, January 2 | 6 PM

Friday, January 3 | 1 PM

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To be announced. Please call the Library for more information.

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, December 7 | 4:30 PM

Read and discuss "Montana 1948" by Larry Watson.

HisMys Book Club - Saturday, December 11 | 10:30 AM

Read and discuss "The Black Dahlia" by James Ellroy.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, November 16 | 1 PM

Read and discuss "Black Boy" by Richard Wright.

Aromatherapy for Adults - Friday, January 24 | 3 PM

Learn how to create homemade air fresheners and essential oil room sprays. Registration required.

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