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Letter From the President

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14 years ago, I called Matt Johnson (DMPA President at the time) and asked to get more involved with the neighborhood. After a nice lunch (on Matt) at the Dundee Dell, I signed on to volunteer for clean-up day. As the years have progressed, I've enjoyed being even more involved - and so, my term as President begins.

We give a big "thank you" to Dave Schinzel for his great work in his second term as President. Dave and his family are so very active in the neighborhood and community at large. As I reflect on his activities, I am amazed at how much time he devotes to enriching our lives. From re-treeing efforts, to writing grants supporting the neighborhood, to beautification, and attending every DMPA event - Dave is 100% committed to making Dundee Memorial Park a better place for all of us. Dave - from all of us - Thank you!

As Dave steps down as President, he remains active on our board and is once again taking on an ambitious neighborhood project. He's working to improve and beautify the underpass at 51st and Dodge Street. This is one of Omaha's last underpass byways. While primarily used for students of Dundee Elementary School, it's also open for runners, walkers, bikers, and anyone looking for a safe way to cross Dodge Street. It's important that we keep this neighborhood connection open, safe, and beautiful. We look forward to hearing more about this valued community project in the coming months.

Dundee Days

This year Dundee Days is scheduled for Saturday August 23rd. Look for the parade application in this newsletter or online at www.dundee-memorialpark.org For any questions about Dundee Days or the parade, please feel free to contact Anne Cavanaugh at the French Bulldog 402-505-4633

DMPA Website Upgrade

Woo hoo! We're upgrading our website! The website committee (Bill Kelly, Raquel Ahlvers, Dave Schinzel, Dave Nelson, Sara Nelson, Charley Reed, and Adam Langdon) is in full swing now, working with our selected firm (Secret Penguin) on the development and build-out. The new site is promised to be really cool in look and layout - but also really functional - for finding information, signing up for activities and events, and paying for stuff online (memberships, flower baskets, donations, gear).

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President's Message

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Delivery of the site is expected before Dundee Days – on or about August 15. The website address will remain the same as today: www.dundee-memorialpark.org Sara Nelson has joined our board as website chair and will manage the site on an ongoing basis. If you have any content (pictures, history, relevant neighborhood information) or comments, please let Sara know – sarajeannelson@gmail.com

Communication, Membership, Involvement

We want to make sure you continue to get updates from the neighborhood – so, please check your newsletter address label for your membership expiration. If you've provided an email address, we do email our 1,000+ members just once a month – usually announcing our program and speaker at Dundee Presbyterian Church. If you aren't getting the email, to make any changes (email, phone, address), or renew your membership, please contact Eli McNichols at elimci@cox.net or 402-551-5246.

Every block in Dundee Memorial Park has a block captain assigned. The block captains usually collect donations annually for the flower baskets – and from time to time take on additional block challenges. We appreciate their engagement and support. If you don't know who your block captain is or would like to represent your block as a block captain, please contact Peter Manhart at themanharts@cbshome.com or 402-350-3890

Our neighborhood also has a Facebook group page with over 420 users. The site is listed under “Dundee Memorial Park Neighborhood Association” – and allows our members to get updates on meetings and current events. Check it out – send us a friend request! BJ Reed has been great at keeping us connected. If you have any questions or comments, BJ can be reached at bjreed@cox.net

Your 16 member DMPA board meets monthly September through May on the first Monday of every month at UNO's new Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center (CEC). We want to thank UNO for allowing us to utilize this fantastic new facility on the Dodge Street campus! We also want you the members to know you are welcome to join these meetings. If you have issues you want to highlight on behalf of the membership, please don't hesitate to contact any of us to get on the agenda.

Opportunities to add value to your neighborhood

Have a college kid home for the summer? Looking to meet some of your neighbors? Our neighborhood is 100% run by volunteers who live here. Here are some ways you can help:

Our 450 iconic flower baskets need watering this summer and the water brigade needs your help. It's easy. It's fun. You will get to know our neighborhood better than ever through this assignment. Please contact Dan Rock 402-558-4913 or drock@ellickjones.com to sign up for a shift or two of watering – Dan will find a time that works for you, I promise.

Yes, it's true - long-time board member Marty Myers and her husband Bob are moving to Payson, Arizona. The good news is that they're not leaving until later this year! That means she will continue to engage volunteers in Elmwood Park beautification (with specific attention to the Grotto). Please let Marty know if you can help out with planting, mulching, and general clean-up. Marty is at 402-556-2513 or Myers5107@cox.net

Mike Walenta and Jared Schademann need assistance with beautification north and south of Dodge respectively. These guys work with our neighborhood's volunteers and the city to beautify the street “islands” and small parks (48th and California, Streetcar Wall, etc). This provides very visible value to our neighborhood homes and businesses, and they could really use your help. Mike Walenta can be reached at 402-659-5231 or mwalenta@cox.net; Jared Schademann can be reached at 402-658-8122

Have a great summer. Our neighborhood has lots to offer –Heike and I plan to enjoy the Happy Hollow running trail, Sorensen rec center/library, and some ecreamery ice cream flavors of the week. We hope to see you out and about. Be sure to say “hello”.

Thanks for all your support of our neighborhood!



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DMPA Opposition to Gas Station Liquor License Leads to Federal Fraud Indictments

Back in 2008-09, DMPA joined a coalition of Midtown neighborhood associations opposing the proposed liquor licenses for nine Infinite Oil gas stations. One of these stations was located at 52nd and Leavenworth and was the site of the tragic killing of a store clerk. Because of numerous problems with the operation of this store, DMPA and Aksarben-Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association opposed the liquor license application before the City Council and the Liquor Control Commission. State Senator Gwen Howard was a tremendous help for the neighborhoods as we dealt with numerous state agencies and her commitment was invaluable to this effort. Dan Rock also provided legal assistance free of charge which was crucial in being able to make our case at the Liquor Control Commission

DMPA uncovered serious irregularities concerning the operation of these stores as part of the case presented to the Liquor Control Commission. Because of concerns that laws may have been broken, this evidence was given to the Inspector General of the United States Small Business Administration and the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for investigation.

After a lengthy five year investigation, a federal grand jury in Chicago handed down a 23 count indictment against Charnpal Ghuman who owned the 52nd and Leavenworth store on October 31, 2013. He has been charged with 19 counts of bank fraud, 3 counts of bank bribery and one count of filing a false tax return. According to the indictments, the defendants allegedly created a scheme to fraudulently take more than \$10 million in SBA backed loans through the sale of 26 gas stations in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska. They allegedly arranged SBA loans through a bank official at American Enterprise Bank. They allegedly recruited purchasers and got the SBA loans based on false financial representations.

A more detailed account of the indictment can be found at: <http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2013/four-defendants-indicted-in-alleged-10-million-bank-fraud-scheme-involving-the-sale-of-26-gas-stations-in-four-states>

If not for the dedication of neighborhoods like Dundee-Memorial Park, these indictments might never have happened. While it was frustrating not seeing anything done for over five years, it is gratifying that justice will eventually be served.

Dundee Day Book Sale Saturday, August 23rd

Book Donations

Your gently used books are needed for the annual sale which helps fund books and programs for children and adults at Sorensen Library Community Center.

Donations may be brought to the Wells residence at 117 South 51 Avenue (brick house with 2 story white columns) when you read this notice. Please leave on the front porch.

No magazines, encyclopedias or text books, please.

Unsold books are donated to Friends of the Library book sales

benefiting Omaha library system and A.V. Sorensen Branch.

Volunteers

for the DMPA book booth are needed for 2-hour shifts between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer please contact Angie Wells

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Thank you!

What is the Live Well Omaha Commuter Challenge

The goal of the Live Well Omaha Commuter Challenge is to encourage people to try active transportation. Join the challenge and track your progress from May 1 - September 30. Form a team at your business or organization and enjoy some friendly competition with others in the community. You'll have a great summer seeing your city in a new way, all while earning a chance to win some great prizes!

Active transportation - using a bicycle, transit, or your own two feet - can save you money, provide additional physical activity to your day and help keep our air quality in check. You don't have to sell your car or make radical lifestyle changes to make a difference. Little steps can make a big impact. Using active transportation to get to work just once a week is a 20% reduction in commuting trips!

So you've never used your bike for transportation. So you've never ridden the bus...and have no idea how you would. No worries. We're here to help!

Dust Off Your Bike. You don't have to dress in spandex, and you don't have to put yourself in harm's way. Grab comfortable clothes and pick a bike friendly route using neighborhood side streets, bike routes or trails. Live too far away? Drive part way and bike the rest. Consider an errand that you could take via bike instead of car. We have a handy map and all kinds of tips and tricks available to help you get started. Log Bike Miles Here.

Give Transit a Try. Did you know that most of Metro's Express Routes can get you from suburban Omaha to downtown in about 30 minutes? Imagine what you can do with your time if someone else is doing the driving - perhaps you could calculate the amount of money you saved that day in fuel and parking fees, compared to the cost of your bus fare!

Be Ready to Walk. Maybe you're lucky to live close enough to walk to work. If not, keep a pair of sneakers at your desk so that you can walk to lunch or for errands near your office. Extend your range of options by walking to the nearest Bicycle station, grab a bike and go.

Find a Buddy. Take a trial run carpooling and see how you like it. If you can't find someone to ride with at your office, check out Metro! Rideshare and get connected with others looking to form a carpool.

Questions/Contact Please contact Madison Haugland <madison@livewellomaha.org> if you have any questions.

Article from www.omahacommuterchallenge.org
Visit their site for more info or to register.



How do you prefer your martini? Four parts of gin to one part vermouth? Or maybe the perfect martini is lots of gin and just a whisper of vermouth? (I prefer mine with two olives. That way, I can convince myself it's really health food—green vegetables, don't you know.) But mixing the perfect mortar for repointing brick is not a matter of preference. It's a matter of old house science, but it can be just as confusing. Stephen Ford, a neighbor, dropped me a line asking about the "perfect" mortar mix:

Hi, Don,

My wife and I enjoy reading your Old Home Mechanic articles. We have an old home ourselves, near 52nd and California Street built in 1912. I was wondering if you could spare a few minutes to answer some questions.

I am about to embark on a basement project which will involve repointing some of the brick foundation. I have read your articles about this, but I still have questions. One of the articles says to mix four parts sand with the lime; another article says 3 to 1. Does it make a big difference? Similarly, one article says to let the lime putty sit for 2 or 3 days, the other one says 3 or more days. Why is it necessary to let it set up for so long anyway?

A book I consulted (The Old-House Journal Guide to Restoration) agrees that a lime-based mortar should be used, but it suggests adding some portland cement. (It gives two different proportions, cement to lime to sand--1/5/12 and 1/3/2--which is really confusing to a novice.) I'm not trying to rebuild the Taj Mahal, but I would like to do a decent job. Can I safely do without the cement?

Thanks for your help. Your articles are helping me become a better old home mechanic, even if the emphasis seems to be on "old"!

Stephen Ford

The National Park Service has some guidelines and charts that demystify the process of getting the right mix. Here are the charts:

Suggested Mortar Types for Different Exposures			
Masonry Material	Exposure		
	Sheltered	Moderate	Severe
Very Durable: granite, hard core brick, etc.	O	N	S
Moderately Durable: limestone, durable stone, molded brick	K	O	N
Minimally Durable: soft hand-made brick	L	K	O

Mortar Types: Mixture by Volume			
Designation	Cement	Hydrated Lime	
		or Lime Putty	Sand
M	1	1/4	3 - 3 3/4
S	1	1/2	4 - 4 1/2
N	1	1	5-6
O	1	2	8-9
K	1	3	10-12
"L"	0	1	2 1/4 - 3

So, it's a matter of selecting the material you have. In your case you say your basement is a brick wall and I presume given its age it is a molded brick wall and the exposure is sheltered, so I would use type K. Or if you believe your bricks are soft hand made bricks then use L. The second chart then shows you the proper ratio (by volume) of materials to use. Because you don't want to mix more than you can apply in an hour to an hour and a half, I'd use a one pound coffee can as your measuring device. For type K mortar I might start with one-half can of cement to 1 1/2 cans of lime putty to five cans of sand. Then depending on how long it takes to use up that mortar you can increase or decrease the amount you make in each batch.

Do you need to add Portland cement? It's not absolutely required (for example L type mortar has no cement in the mixture) but some cement will make the mixture more workable and more durable. As you know you don't want to use a straight Portland and sand mix mortar because it will be too hard for old brick and it won't move with the brick. Instead it will crack the brick.

Why make up lime putty and let it sit a couple of days? This insures that water gets to all the lime and fully soaks in. Also since you can keep lime putty for a long time if you keep it in covered container (an old drywall compound bucket with a tight sealing lid works well) you can mix up enough for your whole job and then add sand and cement for smaller batches as you need them. By the way, in my experience a couple of days are long enough for the lime putty to sit. And since you have to wait anyway, why not mix up a martini or two?

For more information on repointing go to the website for national park service preservation briefs. Here's the URL that will take you directly to the section on repointing: <http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/2-repoint-mortar-joints.htm>

Dundee Community Garden Ice Cream Social on June 22

The solar panels are installed, the vegetables are sprouting, and the flowers are blooming! Please come visit the Dundee Community Garden at 4902 Underwood and see what's growing. Stroll through the garden at any time, or come pitch in at a Saturday morning workday if you want to get your hands in the dirt.

The Dundee Community Garden invites you to join us for our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 22, from 3-5 p.m. We'll have ice cream courtesy of eCreamery, with "Garden Basil" made from our own basil plants as a featured flavor. Sundaes with all the toppings (including home-made hot fudge) will be available for \$1, and we'll have a garden stake-painting activity, and free face painting for the kids.

Dundee Community Garden will be sponsoring several library workshops at the AV Sorenson Library this summer. On Sat. June 21, 2-3 p.m., Dundee Community Garden members will present "Composting Made Easy." This class will teach the basics of composting to adults. On Tues. July 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., garden members will host a discussion of Barbara Kingsolver's book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*, in which the author describes her family's experience as they commit to eating only locally-grown foods, that they either produce themselves or that come from nearby.



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We had a great turn-out for our first clean-up day of the season. Thanks to the DMPA board members, Tom Craig and Peg Gibbs, members of the Citylight Church, Peg Pease, Bob Gibbs and Alice Fleming. Our tasks of weeding, mulching, cleaning storm drains and trash pick-up were made much easier with all of the helping hands. Join us on June 21st at 9:00 in the parking lot of Elmwood Park grotto for our next day of giving back to the park! ?? marty myers (402) 556-2513

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June 3 | *Planes*

June 17 | *Despicable Me 2*

June 10 | *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*

June 24 | *Frozen*

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, June 3 & 17 | 4:30 PM

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

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

Yoga Storytime - Thursday, June 5 | 10:30 AM

Baby & Me Storytime - Fridays | 10:30 AM

Kids Programs - Fridays | 1 PM

June 6 | Whizz, Swish, Kaboom! Science Show

June 20 | Amazing Bubble Show

June 13 | Princess Party

June 27 | Star Wars Party

Fit Club - Saturday, June 7 | 2 PM

Lego Club - Wednesdays, June 11 & 25 | 4:30 PM

Elephant & Piggie Visit - Wednesday, June 18 | 10:30 AM

Elephant & Piggie want to meet the kids at Sorensen Branch, so he's visiting us for a special storytime! Remember your camera.

Teen Programs

Teen Programs - Thursdays | 1 PM (Registration required.)

June 5 | DIY Flip Flops for Teens

June 19 | Teen Iron Chef

June 12 | DIY Tie-Dye Socks for Teens

June 26 | Robot Building for Teens

Movie Days - Tuesdays, June 10 & 17 | 1 PM

June 10 | *The Hunger Games*

June 17 | *Catching Fire*

Game Time - Saturdays, June 14 & 28 | 2-4 PM

June 14 | Just Dance

June 28 | Mario

Gr. 6-12 Boys Overnight Lock-In - Friday, June 20—Saturday, June 21 | 6 PM - 8 AM

Have fun with your friends playing games and watching movies. Registration & a signed parental permission slip are required.

Adult Programs

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, June 3 | 4:30 PM

Scrabble - Thursdays | 1 PM

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, June 7 | 1 PM

Cards & Tags Lock-In for Adults - Friday, June 13 | 6-9PM

Have fun creating cards and tags using die cuts, as well as embossing folders. Registration required.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, June 21 | 1 PM

Composting Made Easy - Saturday, June 21 | 2 PM

Learn about the basics of composting from members of the Dundee Community Garden.

**2014 DUNDEE DAY
SATURDAY AUGUST 23rd
PARADE APPLICATION**

Please help us have a happy, well-organized Dundee Days Parade. We plan to start the parade at 10:30 A.M. at the entrance to Memorial Park. Participants need to fill out this application and return it to the Dundee Dell as soon as possible along with your check. Each participant group must pay \$10.00 with checks payable to Dundee Merchants Association.

Everyone is welcome!

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Phone _____ E-mail: _____

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Eli McNichols 5017 1/2 Cass St, Omaha, NE 68132

(Please DO NOT send to p.o. box.)

I would like to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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