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**No DMPA
Meetings
Until September
Enjoy Your Summer!**

**Dundee Day
August 23rd**

Pancake Breakfast
7 AM - 11 AM
Parade starts at 10:30 A.M.
And much, much more!



Tom White in photo of Warren Buffett
and Paul McCartney

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Letter From the President

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"World Famous Dundee"

My father called from Texas. My grandparents emailed. Friends texted from around the country. Like many of our neighbors, I'm still basking in the positive attention that our neighborhood received due to Sir Paul McCartney's visit. The former Beatle was hosted by our own Warren Buffett at Dario Schicke's now world famous restaurant – Avoli Osteria. After dining, they were spotted by a few fans at ecreamery. Of course, the pictures went viral – on facebook, Twitter, and the national news. Omaha's 16 year old Tom White is world famous for his "selfie" (not really) of Buffett and McCartney on a bench on Underwood enjoying their ice cream. Of course, only in Omaha – in a great neighborhood like Dundee, could these famous icons be so at ease. The world's seriousness faded away for a few moments while these guys just enjoyed life – and a little of ecreamery's award winning Vanilla ice cream! Eat your heart out Shark Tank.

Dundee Days – Saturday August 23

We have another chance to show off in a couple weeks – with our annual Dundee Days celebration. Anne Cavanaugh who owns the French Bulldog and Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob has coordinated another great celebration. Did you know, Anne has been the President of the Dundee Merchant's Association for the last two years? Thanks Anne. Good job. Sarah Troia of Denim Saloon is coordinating the vendors for the event. Thank you Sarah.

This year pancakes are by the Pancake Man from 8-11. The parade starts at 10:30 am Saturday morning and will march up Underwood from Happy Hollow into the heart of the business area – to 51st Street. Live music will keep us entertained into the evening hours starting at 4:00pm. Along with Anne's two restaurants, the Dundee Dell, Pitch, Mark's, Cork and Bottle, AB's, Beer and Loathing, Le Quartier, Pizza Hut, Blue Line, Dario's, ecreamery, The Wood, and Great Harvest Bread company will all be serving up good food and drink. Also, many of our fine retail establishments will have HOT sales going on. Buy something. Spend some money. Support your local business owners! Jean Imray at the Dundee Gallery will love you for it.

Website Upgrade and Launch – www.dundee-memorialpark.org

We launch our new website in August. Look for our DMPA booth at Dundee Days for more details – or just go to the site on or about August 23. By the way, we're going to have some promotions to drive our members to use the site: Giveaways, gifts, etc. Save the page as a favorite for quick links to information about: Neighborhood,

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President's Message

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Association, Events, and Contact Information. You will be able to sign up for neighborhood sponsored events, membership or membership renewal, and keep current on what's happening. We even have a "Favicon" for your "favorites" listing!

Our friends at Secret Penguin have done a beautiful job with branding and content. The site will be optimized on a phone or PDA. Most importantly, Sara Nelson, our new website coordinator and board member will keep us on track. Her contact information is listed on the site and in our newsletter cover if you have any questions (sarajeannelson@gmail.com). For those of you with really, really short attention spans, remember, we have a facebook page. Please "like" the page for up to the minute news. BJ Reed does a nice job of staying on top of it.

Neighborhood Watch – Mobilizing

Ok, so, who's fed up with crime in Omaha? I am.

I saw on the news last night that Omaha car thefts are up 25% YTD – and about 1,400 YTD (through May) in Omaha. What's up with that? I was curious and so I recently compared Omaha crime statistics YTD with stats from Denver, CO (you can find all this online). While Denver is larger (650,000 residents vs. Omaha's 450,000), YTD crime levels in all categories were about equal for the two communities. Denver's about 50% bigger. That's not good. It would appear that we have some work to do on crime!

Because of a call from a neighbor about a car theft, Peter Manhart (DMPA board member and block captain coordinator) and I organized a block captain meeting in July. We have over 140 block captains in Dundee & Memorial Park. Our block captains primarily serve to collect flower basket donations, welcome new neighbors, and generally connect the neighbors. In some cases, our block captains are also block captains for Neighborhood Watch. We have over 80 blocks with a formal Neighborhood Watch – recognized by OPD and with the orange signs installed.

Bridget Fitzpatrick of OPD attended our meeting and shared guidelines for establishing and running a Neighborhood Watch. In addition, documentation necessary for securing the orange Neighborhood Watch signs was provided. If anyone needs further information, please give me a call or send me an email. I'm happy to assist.

HOT TIP: Directly from OPD, the main thing to remember is this: CALL 911

Call if you see anything suspicious. Call if you feel uncomfortable. Call about unruly door peddlers. There is no other number. That's it: 911

Check out the crime mapping link on the Omaha Police Department (OPD) site for more details on crime in Omaha (<http://opd.ci.omaha.ne.us/>). You can see where crimes are occurring, what types of crimes are happening, compare months, zip codes, etc. OPD also reports on crime statistics for the community with tips on crime prevention and crime reporting. Check out their site (www.opd.ci.omaha.ne.us).

As part of my board duties, I attend the monthly Northwest Precinct Police Advisory Council (PAC) meeting. The PAC meets the second Tuesday of every month at the NW Precinct with Bridget and Captain Shayna Ray. We typically cover crime and issues relevant to the city and to our neighborhoods in particular. We discuss specific crimes in our neighborhood and actions by the police. I am happy to take any guests who are interested in attending one of these. Just send me a note to let me know. By the way, I'm also on the Omaha Crime Stoppers (444-STOP) Board of Directors. Reducing crime is important to me.

Let's keep our eyes and ears open. Use our Facebook page to spread the word. Let me know of concerns we can share with OPD's PAC. Call 911 when concerned.

Membership -

Dundee & Memorial Park have over 3,500 households. We are a big neighborhood. We are 100% run by volunteers, donations, and memberships. We appreciate your continued support. Here's the catch - we only have about 1,000 members signed up. We need to get all of the freeloaders on board! Shake them down. Get them to pony up. Let's go. \$12 a year isn't much. \$20 for 2 years is an even better deal. As you talk to your neighbors, ask if they get the newsletter and/or the monthly email. If not, send them to our new website (www.dundee-memorialpark.org) - we take all forms of payment and can set up a recurring annual enrollment. If you are curious about your own membership expiration, check your label on your newsletter. Of course, anyone can also mail a check to Eli McNichols at 5017 1/2 Cass Street. My hope would be that we can get at least 50% of our residents to join as members. Your help and support is appreciated.

We've got about another month of summer to enjoy. Heike and I are looking forward to it. See you around the neighborhood. Be sure to say "hello"!



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Dundee Community Garden August News

The Dundee Community Garden is at its peak and looking great! Produce is ready for picking in the “Neighbor Garden” area, along the south (Underwood) side of the garden.

Anyone walking by can help themselves to what’s growing in that area, including peppers, tomatoes, basil, and parsley. Please stop by and stroll through the garden any time when you are in Dundee!

“Edible Weeds” Wed. Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. Join the DCG for a walk through the garden to learn about edible weeds with John Pollock. You’ll find out how you can put those persistent weeds to good use and actually eat them! This presentation is free and open to the public.

Dundee Day Aug. 23: We’ll be selling fresh produce and flowers at Dundee Day on Aug. 23. And look for our giant carrot in the parade!

Tour de Garden Sun. Aug. 31, 9-12. DCG is proud to participate in the 3rd Annual Tour de Garden tour of mid-town community gardens. This year’s event will feature visits to seven community gardens, including two refugee gardens; an urban fruit orchard; and the new Benson rain garden at 58th & Maple. Gardens are open for visits from 9-12, and bicycling between gardens is encouraged but not required. Maps with the route between gardens will be available at participating gardens or on the Tour de Garden website at <http://tourdegarden.com/> More information on Tour de Garden in the Midtown Monitor.

DCG Five Year Anniversary celebration Sept. 7: DCG was founded in 2009, and we’re going to be celebrating our 5th year anniversary with a birthday party on Sun. Sept. 7. Look for more information in the Sept. newsletter.



Peter Manhart addresses the Block Captians at Dundee Presbyterian Church



16 year old Dundee resident Tom White in photo with Warren Buffett and Paul McCartney



Tower Kountze with Bridget Fitzpatrick of OPD.

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 info or to volunteer please contact Angie Wells 402-553-6057 or wellsarrow@msn.com



Walk down the aisle of any home improvement store and you'll see all kinds of products that promise to be "maintenance-free". But is there any building material that is truly maintenance free? Probably not.

Take bathroom tile, for example, it doesn't require much care, but even though it is durable and impervious to almost anything you or your family can throw at it, it does have its vulnerabilities. If your tile is going to fail it will most likely occur in the thin grout lines between the tile, or at the joints where the tile meets the bath tub or shower pan. If you have section of tile where the grout is soft or coming out, or if the seal at the between the tub or shower pan and the tile wall has outlived its days. it's better to fix it sooner rather than later, it's better to fix it now before the problem becomes more severe. Luckily, the tools needed to fix the grout or the seal around the tub only cost a few bucks and the work is well within the capabilities of the home handyerson.

You'll need to clean out the bad grout first. Pick up a grout saw (really no more than a small carbide blade with a handle) that will cost about five bucks. Work the saw back and forth along the damaged grout until you get to the solid grout below. It should only take a few strokes. After you've cleaned out all the debris in the grout lines with a shop vac, use a putty knife or small trowel to spread new grout over the gaps between the tiles. Then with a rubber float (also only costing a few bucks) pack the grout by angling the float on its edge and pull it across the tile diagonally to the grout lines. Use the float to pick up all the excess grout, use a damp sponge to clean up the rest and wait for the grout to set up and then wipe the haze left by the grout residue with a rough texture rag.

Grout, by the way, can be purchased pre-mixed in containers for small jobs or for larger jobs it's cheaper to buy it dry and add water to mix your own. Read and follow the label instructions. Grout comes in variety of colors so you should be able to match almost any shade. After the grout has fully cured (a couple of days), apply a silicone sealer to all the grout lines to make them more water-resistant.

Then re-caulk around the tub or shower pan. First use a razor blade, putty knife or screwdriver to remove the old caulk. Before applying new caulk, make sure the surfaces are really clean. Dirt and other foreign matter will sabotage new caulk. Wipe the surfaces clean with rag dipped in denatured alcohol. Then apply new caulk.

Pure silicone caulk is the best choice for bathroom areas regularly exposed to water. It's a little harder to apply than latex based caulks, but it will grip tighter, last longer and be more resistant to mold. For small jobs small tubes of silicone caulk are available and are easier to manipulate. For large jobs it will be more economical to buy a large tube applied with a caulking gun.

If you are re-caulking a tub, fill it with water to a normal level, before applying the new caulk. This way if the tub sags a little under the weight of the water, you'll be applying the caulk at the right place and the tub won't pull away from the caulk later.

Draw a bead of caulk (pulling the caulk will result in smoother application than pushing it) about a foot or two long and then smooth it with your finger. Dipping your finger in water before you smooth the caulk will make it easier to smooth it out. Silicone caulk "skins" over faster than latex caulk, so it's best to apply the caulk a section at a time and work it smooth before it skins over. If you really mess up the caulk, you can wait for it to completely set up, peel it out and try again. Also caulk around the shower handle and spouts to prevent water from working its way in behind the tile wall.

Let the caulk set up for a couple of days before using the shower or tub. Then rest easy knowing that while the tile may not be maintenance-free at least you won't have to repair it again anytime soon.

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Dundee Golf Course

The Happy Hollow Club didn't get its official start until 1907, but a course was designed southwest of Underwood Avenue and Happy Hollow Boulevard a decade earlier, making it the site of the first golf played in Nebraska.

It started out as a private course for the Patrick family. John Nelson Hays Patrick, one of the earliest and most prominent citizens of Omaha, started building the house that became known as "Happy Hollow" around 1870. Sons John and Robert Patrick were charter members of the Omaha Golf Club in 1897. Also on board were Clement Chase, publisher of the Omaha Excelsior, and A. H. Findlay, a transplanted Scotsman and a golfer of some repute.

The club was organized with 20 charter members. Enthusiastic women golfers formed their own club shortly thereafter, soon replacing "tea" with "tee." Gertrude Kountze, after only 15 rounds of golf, was described in the Omaha World-Herald as "phenomenal." John Patrick, perhaps owing to his home-field advantage, won the first men's championship in November, 1897. He continued to refine both his game and the course at Happy Hollow.

"Golf is new to Omaha," stated the World-Herald, "but if enthusiasm counts for anything, it has come to stay. The links at Happy Hollow are attractive enough to ensnare anyone who may take the least interest in the game."

When E. A. Benson and others formed the Happy Hollow Club in 1907, Omaha Field Club and the Omaha Country Club had been in existence for several years. Club members purchased the Patrick house and 11 acres of land for \$30,000. The house became the clubhouse for the golf club, and the course included land leased from the Dundee Realty Company.

At its initial meeting on April 1, 1907, members of the club voted to prohibit the sale of alcohol on club grounds. One dissident asked how any hollow could be happy without a bar, but he was judged "out of order." Since the village of Dundee prided itself on being "dry," club members decided that water, milk and cider were good enough for them.

When the club's lease was close to expiring, members began looking for a new site for their golf course. They sold the home and grounds to Brownell Hall in 1921 and for three years shared the site with the institution, which was then an Episcopal school for girls.

The land west of Brownell became the home of the Dundee Golf Course in the fall of 1924. Dexter Buell, Vincent Hascall, and Clarence Spier leased the land from Dundee Realty, which eventually planned to subdivide the property into an extension of the Dundee and Happy Hollow neighborhoods.

When it opened, the Dundee Golf Course was considered an innovation of sorts, with daily payment plans and rules as strict as those of a private club. A limited number of yearly privilege tickets were sold at \$50 for men and \$35 for women. Norman Brigham, a Dundee architect, designed the clubhouse. Many of Brigham's drawings and plans were recently re-discovered and are now the property of Restoration Exchange Omaha. It isn't known yet if the clubhouse plans are among those saved. When Dundee Golf Course closed in the early 1940s, the clubhouse was dismantled and rebuilt as a church building for Gethsemane Lutheran Church at 42nd Street and Fontenelle Boulevard. The New Covenant Church of God now operates the church.

My dad, Jerry Rosenberg, was a caddy and starter at the Dundee Golf Course in 1930 when he witnessed an unusual golfing feat. Bill Bathie, a golf pro at the Happy Hollow Club, claimed he could shoot better than an 80 on the course—using only a putter. There was apparently a little money wagered on the outcome—estimates ranged from \$500 to \$1,700. On June 23, 1930, a gallery of about 100 bystanders followed Bathie, who, with only a regulation putter, shot a 79 on the course. He hit drives of 250 yards regularly. He apparently had selected a day when the course was dry and fast, and the ball rolled and rolled. My dad told the World-Herald's Robert McMorris in 1966 that he distinctly recalled the 16th hole. "They called it 'LongTom.' It was a 586-yarder from Underwood to Dodge. But Bathie got a birdie on it."

— Gary Rosenberg

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Baby & Me Storytime - Fridays | 10:30 AM

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Game Time: Star Wars Angry Birds - Friday, August 1 | 2-4 PM

Have fun at the Library playing Star Wars Angry Birds on our Xbox 360!

Fit Club - Saturday, August 2 | 2 PM

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

Movie Day: The Lego Movie - Tuesday, August 5 | 1 PM

Enjoy popcorn while watching a movie about what happens between a Lego construction worker & an evil Lego tyrant!

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, August 5 & 19 | 4:30 PM

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

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

Read books, sing songs, play games and make crafts. Fun for toddlers/preschoolers.

Lego Club - Wednesdays, August 6 & 20 | 4:30 PM

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

Back to School Craft - Friday, August 8 | 1 PM

Have fun at the Library making a back to school craft. Registration required.

Amanda Panda Visits Sorensen - Thursday, August 21 | 10:30 AM

Amanda Panda wants to meet the kids at Sorensen Branch, so she's joining us for a special storytime! Remember your camera!

Teen Programs

Post-It Note Wars - Thursday, August 7 | 1 PM

Design and create your own Post-It note art and see if you can win a prize! Registration required.

Movie Day for Teens: Divergent - Tuesday, August 12 | 1 PM

Enjoy popcorn while watching a movie about a girl who is in danger when she finds out that she is divergent.

Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, August 16 | 2 PM

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

Adult Programs

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, August 2 | 1 PM

Under the Dundee Sun Book Club - Tuesday, August 5 | 4:30 PM

Scrabble - Thursdays | 1 PM

Common Soil: Rouging & Selecting - Tuesday, August 12 | 6 PM

Rouging is discarding poor performing plants. Selecting is marking the strong plants. One can select for taste, color, vigor, or virtually anything under the sun/moon. Learn the basics in order to save the highest quality seed possible. Registration required.

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

**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.

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