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Letter From the President

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April showers?

Let's hope for a little rain. As of the middle of March, we are reported at about 60% of normal or average precipitation for the year. What made it seem somewhat moist around here was all the snow that hung around until just before our official first day of Spring – on the 20th of March. We need some more moisture. Bill Randby, help us out!

In the meantime, let's enjoy Spring. Looking to take a walk on a warm afternoon? Stop by the Dundee Garden to find out what's being planted this year. It's been a pleasure to watch the garden "grow" up – and become quite a mainstay of our neighborhood. Not only giving apartment dwellers a place to garden, but also giving back – through donated produce and education on horticulture topics. This is one spot where you can really see April showers bring May flowers! Thanks DCG President Mary Green, VP and Secretary Eric Williams, and Treasurer Murphy Larson - and to all the DCG gardeners for your contributions.

Concerned about the rain? At our March monthly neighborhood meeting, stucco and plaster expert Dick Grace recommended caulking your home immediately. As Dick said, "when the birds fly north, seal it up." Mr. Grace was referring to the idea that April has traditionally been a very wet month. His advice was to get some good clear silicone sealant or calk and look for any cracks or gaps on your house. Specifically, focus around the windows or doors. Water getting behind the siding or stucco can really cause big problems.

Old House Services Directory

As neighbors are thinking about doing some spring cleaning or repairs to their house, we've had more and more questions about recommended contractors. As a reminder, the Old House Services Directory - recommended contractors is on our website: <http://www.dundee-memorialpark.org/useful-links>. Look under "Contact" – near the bottom for the "useful links" connection.

I counted – there's over 100 recommended persons on the list. Electricians, plumbers, carpentry, gutters, kitchens, landscaping, masonry, plaster, drywall, windows, painting, tile, roofing, chimney's, and general handymen - whatever your needs, there's someone for sure named. The list can be printed – if you want to churn out 10 pages. Of course, you can share it with friends and family – even if they don't live in Dundee or Memorial Park. Be sure to charge them a fee for usage.

DMPA Meeting

Next DMPA Meeting
April 13th

Kathe Oleson
Summer Works Omaha
Summer Youth Employment
Academy

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

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

Meetings are always held
the second Monday
of the month.

Jan - May and Sept - Nov.



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President's Message

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The best part is that the person who recommended the worker also is listed with a contact phone number. You can call and talk to one of our neighbors about the work done and the quality of that work. The call is encouraged. Don't be shy – try it out!

If you want to recommend a contractor, please send an email to us through the contact link on our website – or generally to: dundeememorialparkinfo@gmail.com Our board member, Sara Nelson, is a rock star on the internet and all things related to our website. I don't know where she learned it (Dave Nelson? Secret Penguin?) – but anyhow, she's got us tracking recommended contractors. Thanks Sara. Thanks Bill Kelly. Thanks Don Browers (The Old House Mechanic).

In addition, our facebook page has been used for the same purpose – to recommend or find a contractor. We encourage the use of both of these tools. Whatever works for you. You might use both tools to seek some feedback on your planned work.

Our Facebook page has also found lost dogs – and quick. So, if that's ever a problem – try it out! The year, Spring Clean-up will be on Saturday, April 25. The location at press time was still not determined. Brownell Talbot is having many alumni events that day so we can not use their lot. Check the website for all the info.

As a new benefit for our neighborhood this year, we went in on a chipper with the Joslyn Castle Neighborhood Association. They will have our chipper at the Duchesne Academy parking lot (37th and California) on April 25 to mulch/munch small branches and cuttings. Remember, spring clean-up runs from 9am – 2pm. Send Wiff an email if you have any questions: wiff@cox.net or 402-551-7686.

Raquel Ahlvers has locked in our Garage Sale weekend dates – May 15-17. You can fill out a form online at www.dundee-memorialpark.org to request participation in the neighborhood event. Remember, this weekend is when our neighborhood gets a little crazy – with more non-local traffic than usual. Lock up your pets! If you need to reach Raquel, her email is as follows: Raquel.ahlvers@cox.net

As the weather's been warming, Heike is taking some nice walks over to the Sorenson Branch for books. I hope to join her and as we pass through, we'll see you around the neighborhood. Be sure to say "hello"!

For more on our neighborhood history, events, important contacts, check out our website at www.dundee-memorialpark.org. For up to the minute action – "like" our facebook page – [www.facebook/Dundee Memorial Park Neighborhood Association](http://www.facebook/Dundee%20Memorial%20Park%20Neighborhood%20Association).

Spring Clean Up Day 2015

Location To be Announced

It will not be Brownell Talbot

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2015
Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Certain items cannot be accepted at our site but are available at other sites on the same day. There will be vouchers for tires and large tree branches so you can take them to the appropriate site.

Any batteries, paints, liquids, oils, pesticides or other hazardous materials cannot be accepted at the site but these items can be disposed of at Under The Sink Special Waste Facility (402-444-sink).

Please call the Spring Clean up Hotline at 402-444-4636. <http://wasteline.org/cleanup>

Similar to years past, donations will be collected to benefit the A.V. Sorenson Library. So bring some \$\$.

To volunteer to help unload vehicles on April 25th email Send Wiff an email if you have any questions: wiff@cox.net or 402-551-7686.



DMPA Meetings

April 13th
May 11th

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Flower Basket Planting a Big Success

Over sixty-five Dundee-Memorial Park neighbors and friends came together in March to plant the 480 flower baskets that the neighborhood will be hanging from the iconic Dundee streetlights in May. Many hands make light work, and the hours flew by as neighbors chatting with old friends and made new ones while inserting begonia plugs into the moss basket linings. Using drywall saws makes the process much faster than in the past, when screwdrivers were used—and under the watchful eye of Indian Creek Nursery staff, neighbors learned how to make top-grade baskets.

Thanks to our Dundee businesses who supplied us with plenty of nourishment during the work days: home-made pasta from Avoli, dessert bars from Dugger's, deli sandwiches, kale-slaw and coleslaw from Dundee Dell, a sheet cake donated by Amsterdam Falafel, and plenty of beverages donated by AB's 66. Please thank these businesses next time you patronize them!

There are many more pictures of the event on Facebook at [facebook.com/Dundee Memorial Park Neighborhood Association](https://facebook.com/Dundee%20Memorial%20Park%20Neighborhood%20Association).

And a big thank you to these neighbors:

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Mary Green, Flower Basket Chair



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The 13th annual DUNDEE MUSIC PLAYSHOPS

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ages 7-9, June 8-12;
ages 10-12, June 22-26.

This week-long musical experience is designed for kids who love to play and learn in a casual setting. Woven throughout the week from 10 am to 3 pm are hands-on activities such as creative arts and crafts, instrument making, music games, dance, videos, listening and learning about a wide variety of musical styles and composers, visiting artists and a field trip.

Spontaneous creative ideas are encouraged and supported. Having fun is not only highly recommended, it is required.

Only 7 spaces are available each week on a first come, first served basis. To receive more information and a registration form, email singpd@cox.net


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Progress continues on the renovation of the Dodge Street Subway. During January and February, Dundee School students participated in an after-school enrichment class under the direction of UNO art education students. The students worked on creating a design for the mural that will go inside the tunnel. The UNO students will now compile the work done by the Dundee students to create a final mural that will be installed in September.

Fundraising continues to go very well. There is still time to donate to the project either online at www.dundee-memorialpark.org or by making a check payable to DMPA that can be mailed to: Dave Schinzel, 319 South 50th Avenue, Omaha, NE 68132. All donations of \$250 or more will be recognized on a donor plaque to be placed at the subway. DMPA was recently awarded a \$750 grant from the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance for the new entrance signs.

Below is an updated list of donors. If you notice any error or misspelling, please email the corrections to drschinzel@hotmail.com.

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Do you have some round-to-its? You know, those little repair projects that you are going to get "around to it" some day. These are not the projects that are so big that you absolutely have to deal with them RIGHT NOW! These

are the small little projects that are the minor annoyances of old house living. I don't know about you, but I carry a pretty sizable list of those "round-to-it" projects in my head.

This month we'll take a look at a couple of repair questions posed by readers of this column. They sound like "round-to-it" projects to me. Maybe these same projects are on your list.

Hi, I live in Dundee South. I have a rather weird question to ask you. I have an old drain in the basement that has that slope down to it. When I do a lot of wash (my washer & dryer are down there) the water will come up into the laundry room once in a while if I don't keep putting Drano into it. It will come up about 3-4 feet (close to the drain, not across the whole room or anything). It always goes down but it kind of drives me nuts.

Is that a problem with the sewer and water lines being together in this part of town, is the drain too small in the basement, or what? If you can help me on this I would appreciate it. Thanks so much--

Nancy Dunham

Hi, Nancy....

Based on the information you've given me, I think your problem is caused by a partial blockage in the sewer line. It may be due to a buildup of grease (if the kitchen sink drains into the same line) and fibers from washing clothes. A clear two-inch pipe is sufficient to handle the discharge from a washer and I'm guessing your drain line is at least that or larger. But a clothes washer pumps out a high volume of water under pressure and it doesn't take much of a blockage to cause a back up.

A clue that it's not the pipe size that's causing the problem is that when you add Drano everything drains properly (for awhile anyway). Chemicals are not likely to be satisfactory permanent solution. I would recommend you get the line snaked and flushed out by a plumber or "Roto-Rooter" type of company. The plumber should use a spade tip (not just a small auger) to really clean out the inside of the line. Then I would recommend flushing the line with a 1/2 gallon of bleach and several pans of boiling water. I don't recommend harsh drain cleaning chemicals because they are very hard on plumbing--especially old pipes.

Another culprit of slow drains is a blocked or partially blocked stack. The stack is the pipe (usually cast iron in old houses) that extends vertically through your house and vents out of the roof. The purpose of the stack is to allow gases to escape and promote proper drainage by drawing in air. But after years of service the stack can get clogged up, especially if you have large trees near the house. You might ask the plumber who augers out the drain about checking the stack and if it needs to be cleaned out, it may be cheaper to have it augered out at the same time as the floor drain.

I hope this helps. Good luck.

This question was left on my voicemail: "How do I remove smoke stains from the brick surrounding the exterior of my fireplace?"

The best way to restore smoke-stained masonry is with a series escalating attacks rather than an all-out assault. What I mean is--try the gentlest solution and if that's not successful, work your way up with harsher measures.

For the first attempt try using a gum eraser. Often you can just erase away light smoke stains.

For moderate stains that won't yield to the eraser try scrubbing with a TSP (Trisodium Phosphate) solution. Mix 8 ounces of TSP in a gallon of hot water and then scrub the fireplace with a Tampeco brush. (This is natural bristle brush used in masonry work and is available in most hardware and home improvement stores.) Protect your floor and walls with plastic sheeting, but more importantly protect your eyes with safety goggles and your hands with heavy rubber gloves. After scrubbing, rinse thoroughly with clear water.

If you still haven't vanquished the stains, the last resort is an acid wash. For this step you really want to be careful to protect your eyes and skin. Goggles, chemical resistant rubber gloves and long sleeves are musts. Also make sure you have lots of ventilation. Use a fan to pull away the vapor from the acid solution. I would also recommend a mask to protect your nose and lungs.

Add 12 ounces of muratic acid to a gallon of warm water in a plastic pail. Do your mixing outside the house. Remember to add the acid to the water not the other way around. If you add water to acid the heat of the acid will cause the first drops of water to "belch" which may blow the acid out of the container and on you! Also never mix TSP and muratic acid. This will cause a violent chemical reaction. So if you are following up a TSP cleaning with an acid treatment, make sure you have thoroughly rinsed the surface.

Start washing the surface with your acid mixture from the bottom to the top with the Tampeco brush. After you are done scrubbing thoroughly rinse with clear water. After your masonry surfaces have dried for a couple of days you may want to seal the surface with a clear masonry sealer. It will make the next cleaning job a little easier.

Okay, I gotta go now. I think it's time I reduced my "round-to-it" list by at least one project. Connections For an online archive of previous articles go to: <http://www.dundee-memorialpark.org/>

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Saturday, May 16th
Sunday, May 17th

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Baby Storytime - Fridays, April 3, 10 & 17 | 10:30 AM

Recommended for ages birth to 15 months, though children of all ages are welcome. Enjoy very simple books, rhymes, music and play designed to promote development and learning. Explore early literacy skills like singing, playing, reading and talking with each storytime.

Get Crafty: Easter Craft - Friday, April 3 | 4 PM

Join us for a lesson in creating a Easter-themed craft using various art supplies and techniques. Registration required.

Fit Club - Saturday, April 4 | 2 PM

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

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

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

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

Use your imagination to build unique LEGO creations. Snack provided.

Gr. 2-6 Lock-In - Friday, April 17 | 6-9 PM

Enjoy snacks and refreshments while doing science experiments and playing on the Library's Wii & Xbox 360 Kinect. Registration is required as well as a signed parental permission slip.

Teen Programs

Get Crafty: Easter Eggs - Thursday, April 2 | 4:30 PM

Join us for a lesson in dyeing Easter Eggs using traditional dyes and crayons. All supplies included. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, April 18 | 2 PM

Let your voice be heard! Gain leadership experience while enjoying snacks, talking about issues, sharing ideas, planning programs and make friends.

Game Time - Saturday, April 25 | 2-4 PM

Have fun with your friends playing one of the Library's Wii or Xbox 360 Kinect games.

Adult Programs

Medicare 101 - Thursday, April 2 | 6:30 PM

Learn the ins and outs of Medicare. What are Parts A, B, C and D? What are the costs? What is and isn't covered? What is Medigap? What are the important dates you need to be aware of as you consider Medicare options? Registration required.

Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts, Probate & More - Saturday, April 4 | 10:30 AM

What type of planning should you, your spouse and your children put into place to avoid headaches and unnecessary expense later in life and upon death? Why is it important from both an emotional and financial perspective for you and your family to plan for potential incapacity and death now rather than later? Registration required.

Sorensen Readers Book Club - Saturday, April 4 | 1 PM

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

Tech Time - Tuesdays, April 14 & 28 | 6:30 PM

Receive assistance with uploading a resume, downloading an eBook or free music, creating an email account, or just getting started on the computer. Our friendly, tech-savvy staff members are here to help. Registration required.

Plains Pages Book Club - Saturday, April 18 | 1 PM

Putting Your Seedlings in the Ground - Tuesday, April 21 | 6:30 PM

How deep do you bury seedlings? How far apart? What support systems are the best for beans, tomatoes, peppers, etc? Learn how to prepare your garden area for the new seedlings and how to protect them. Composting, planting location & placement, soil enrichment and plant protection will be discussed. Registration required.

Upcycled Tees - Thursday, April 30 | 6:30 PM

Learn how to transform old t-shirts into no-sew totes, necklaces and scarves. Registration required.

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Once again, DMPA will be participating in Re-Tree Midtown. The planting area this fall will be 55th Street to Happy Hollow Blvd between Howard Street and Leavenworth Street. Of course, this is contingent on grant funding coming through.

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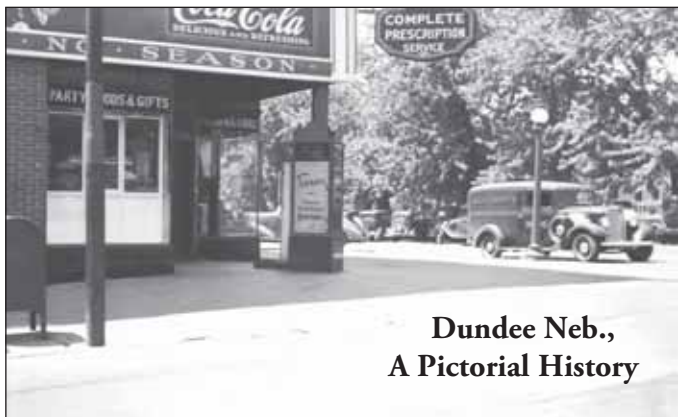
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