

DUNDEE- MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION



DMPA Meeting

Next DMPA Meeting May 9th

Matt Couch, director of the Sorensen Library. History of Sorensen Library and the celebration of the 40th year of the Library.

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

7:00 Social
7:30pm Meeting
Bring a friend or two.
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of the month.**

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Letter From the President

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Happy Mother's Day!

Let me start out simply by giving gratitude to all mothers. Leadership starts in the home, with our parents. Mother is often setting the rules, giving advice, offering approval (or disapproval). She shapes our values and inspires us to be great. Mom – thank-you for getting us on track. This is your day.

In case you are curious about the history of Mother's Day, I've got some facts. Our holiday was started in America, by a woman to honor mothers. The original honoree, Ann Jarvis, was a peace activist from West Virginia who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides in the Civil War. She had also created Mother's Day Work Clubs in the 1800's to address public health issues related to sanitary conditions.

After she died in 1905, her daughter, Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and set aside a day to honor all mothers. Anna Jarvis campaigned to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States. It took 3 years, and Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 in St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. The church now is known as the International Mother's Day Shrine.

Interestingly, in 1908, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, by 1911, all US states recognized Mother's Day as a local holiday. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. In 2014, we celebrated the official 100 year anniversary of the Mother's Day holiday.

In reading up on the history, I was impressed that the day is in fact intended to honor all great mothers – not just your own. We have a few in the neighborhood. Please join me in saying "Thanks"!

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I want to thank our neighbor and friend of Omaha, Mr. Warren Buffett for another great Berkshire Hathaway weekend. Berkshire is now the 4th largest company in America – with HQ on 35th and Farnam. At over \$260 billion in (book) value and earning over \$20 billion each year, it is arguably one of the most successful companies in American history. Best of all, Berkshire is likely to be around for a while. The company founded by Warren is considered a conglomerate – and is well diversified in its holdings.

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President's Message

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Amazingly, Berkshire has only been on the Fortune 500 list for 22 years. With fantastic growth, we've seen the annual meeting explode from 12 attendees in 1981 to over 40,000 in 2016. To put that into perspective, Omaha's population increases by roughly 10% for the weekend!

Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Buffett, Berkshire Hathaway staff, shareholders, board members, and friends. You have been so good to Omaha over the years. We appreciate your business!

VOTE – Tuesday, May 10

Did you know that in Australia, if you don't vote, you are fined \$200? Unfortunately, we don't do that here. The 2016 Primary election is on Tuesday, May 10. All registered voters need to vote – Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Offices up for a vote include President, House of Representatives, County Commissioner, MUD Board, State Board of Education district 4, Papio-Missouri NRD Tax Levy, OPPD Board, and NE Legislature district 9; Polls are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; We have different poll places in the neighborhood – Dundee Presbyterian Church, Lifegate Church, etc. Check www.votedouglas-county.com for sample ballots, offices up for election, and details for your specific address.

President and President Elect

Your board of directors nominated and elected new officers for 2016-2017. Congratulations to Molly Romero who has accepted the Role of President and to Peter Manhart who is our President Elect. Both Molly and Peter have been tirelessly devoted to the neighborhood and will serve us well. We are lucky to have such great volunteers working for us.

Omaha Gives: Wednesday, May 25 DMPA: Friends of the Bridge

Omaha Gives will be on Wednesday May 25 this year. Organized and operated by the Omaha Community Foundation, last year over 20,000 people and \$9 million were raised through this grass-roots, online, one-day effort. Our focus this year will be on supporting renovation of the green bridge over US Highway 6 (Dodge Street) at Memorial Park.

Efforts to raise the \$300,000 have been going very well – led by Nick Manhart with help from Pete Festersen. I know many of you think the city should have to pay for these renovations – but the fact is there just isn't enough funding in the budget for the city to contribute more than \$75,000 of the project's cost. Please Help support Friends of the Bridge at DMPA's page on Omaha Gives: www.omahagives24.org Keyword: Dundee or DMPA

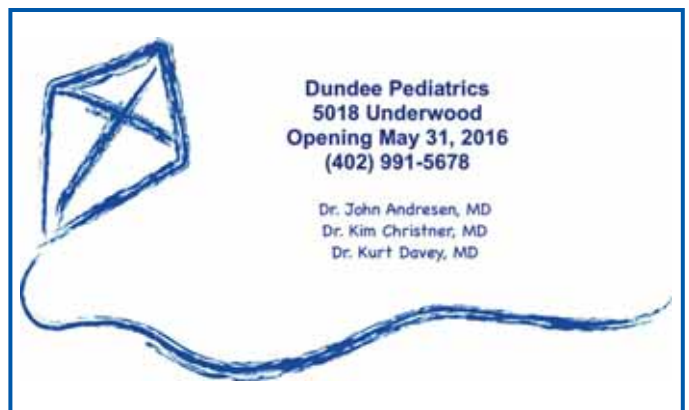
Garage Sale weekend is coming up and runs from Friday May 13 to Sunday May 15. Contact Raquel Ahlvers at Raquel.ahlvers@cbshome.com with questions.

Over the last few years, we unfortunately had a condemned home at 5611 Jackson Street. The owner lived out of town and had let the property deteriorate. Many people took action. Neighbors and I contacted the City of Omaha and the owners of the property to see some improvement. Our councilman, Chris Jerram got involved. Last month, we got great news from Cris Wolff, the block captain: the property has long at last been sold and is in the process of being totally renovated. Now, let's give them a warm Dundee welcome! Good work neighbors!

May is my favorite month of the year. Heike's making trips to Indian Creek for garden supplies. Dr. Frank Fong is back hosting Tai Chi in the Memorial Park rose garden. Best of all, E-creamery is open until 11:00pm - again. All is good. Hopefully we'll run into you when you're out and about. Please 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).

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Make 2016 the year to get organized!

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Next meeting in September... enjoy your summer!

Skye Building Nearing Completion

By Molly Romero, Marks Bistro

After almost a year of construction, the new Dundee classic building is approaching completion. Dr. Kurt Davey, a neighborhood resident and established pediatrician, embraced the admirable challenge of taking the site of the old Grand Pa's C-Mart into a new era. While honoring the site's history as a central feature of Dundee, Dr. Davey, with his team at Alley Poyner Architects and Boyd Jones Construction, has created a multi-use building that will enhance our Dundee business district and the entire neighborhood, as well as all of Omaha. As an aside, this project was spawned by members of our neighborhood, Dr. Davey, Michael Alley (Dundee resident and name partner of Alley Poyner Architects), John Crane (Dundee resident and owner of Boyd Jones Construction), Jeff Royal (Dundee resident and president of Dundee Bank). The building is the dream – and labor of love – of Dr. Davey, but is brought into reality by the team of talented and committed Dundee professionals who acted with the best interest of Dundee in mind.

This new building will be known as the Skye Building, named after the charming Isle of Skye off the coast of Scotland, which, of course, is the country where one would find Dundee. Dr. Davey has Scottish ancestors and his family has honored that ancestry as long as he can remember, so naming his building the Skye Building is steeped in his appreciation for family, ancestry, the Dundee neighborhood, and the inspiration for our neighborhood's name of Dundee.

Dr. Davey, along with Dr. Kim Christner and Dr. John Andreson, will open their Dundee Pediatric medical office at the end of May. With 12 examination rooms, and plenty of child-oriented waiting areas, it has room to handle a gaggle of children all at one time. Their offices, accessible by elevator, are located on the second floor, with great views overlooking Underwood Avenue, and with spacious parking in the rear, off the alley. The Dundee location is a second location for the practice of Dr. Davey and his colleagues, with their first location at 180th and Burt under the name of Village Pointe Pediatric.

Also on the second floor, will be Energy Studio, Inc, headed by Amanda Bogner. The firm specializes in helping architects, engineers, developers, and building owners maximize energy efficiency and minimize costs and will occupy a 1,500 square foot space on the north side of the building.

At street level, there will be two businesses, with the first to open being the Dundee favorite, Scout Dry Goods and Trade. Kelly Newell, Scout's owner, recently announced she will be expanding the Dundee business she opened in 2008 by adding her second location across the street from her first, and into the new Skye Building. Also at street level will be a restaurant, whose name is not yet known, which Willie Thiesen is developing. It will open in August, with an offering of comfort food at lunch and dinner, and eventually expanding to include breakfast, and Sunday brunch.

The top floor of the Skye Building is dedicated to residential living, with six apartments, known as the Skye Flats, including a studio; three one-bedroom; and two two-bedroom apartments. Based on a tour of the nearly finished units, the new residents of the Skye Flats will have a wonderful new home, where the high priority of quality of life, quality of materials and attention to detail were evident in every decision.

We are all eager to see the unveiling of the building as the construction fencing is removed revealing the face of our new neighbor. We will all appreciate the craftsmanship and design features Dr. Davey has so carefully chosen to enhance the exterior, just for all of us to enjoy as we pass by on foot, or view from across the street. The Skye Building will be a significant addition to our neighborhood that can stand as an aesthetic piece of architecture, coming from a true sense of place, style, size and scale, a model to inspire all future Dundee business district developments.



Architect's Rendering of New Skye Building.



Knock on wood. This old adage was meant to invoke good luck and it really does mean good luck if you are fortunate enough to own an old house with acres of hardwood floors.

To my tastes, nothing is more stunning than well restored old wood floors. Not only are they more distinctive than wall-to-wall carpet, but they even beat out new wood floors. In the vintage Dundee homes the old floors were milled out of old, slow-growth oak, maple and, in the really rare cases, walnut. I've even been in one Dundee home with a dining room floor pieced together with an end-grain-exposed parquet of cedar. (Wow!) New growth wood doesn't have the tight grain and beautiful figure of the old wood.

It has been my experience that wood floor care is a bit of a contradiction. You have to be more careful with wood floors, but they require very little care.

Let's start with a choice of finishes. Homeowners have their choice of oil-based urethane or water-based urethane. Although the newer waterborne finishes are easier to apply and create a very hard surface, they are as clear as a glass of water. This lack of pigmentation gives hardwood a different appearance than the slightly ambered look most people are used to. The clear finish also highlights imperfections in the wood.

Waterborne finishes are far thinner than oil-based urethane. This means that it takes four coats of waterborne finish to provide the protection wood receives from two coats of an oil-based product. Since time is money, a four-coat finish often costs more per square foot than the traditional urethane finish.

Designers love light, bleached, or white/pastel-stained hardwood floors. Many homeowners become disenchanted with these finishes because the flooring often has a splotchy look caused by the differing absorption levels of various pieces of wood. Also when the wood becomes dry, dark cracks appear. These cracks are a natural phenomenon and will disappear with a change in humidity but are far more obvious in bleached or white/pastel-stained wood. Scratches, too, are far more noticeable with bleached floors. I remember touring one Dundee home where the family dog had wreaked havoc with sharp toenails on a bleached floor.

When it comes to old house, I consider myself a brave (foolhardy?) renovator. But one project I won't even think about tackling is floor refinishing. It's a job for pros. But there are things you can do to make your life more pleasant when your floors are being refinished.

Remove all furniture, pictures and wall hangings from the room. Drape or tape plastic or sheets over openings leading to other parts of the house since sanding cre-

ates a great deal of dust no matter how careful your floor refinisher is.

Even though the refinishers are constantly sweeping and vacuuming, there will still be a good deal of dust on the walls and ceilings. The temptation is to grab buckets of water and frantically start washing. DON'T DO IT! After the finish is thoroughly dry, vacuum the walls and ceilings.

Furniture can be replaced 24 hours after job is completed. However wait two weeks before placing rugs and other floor coverings on the new finish.

Dirt and grit are hardwood floorings worst enemies. Use dirt-trapping, walk-off mats at all exterior doors to help prevent dirt, grit and sand from getting inside the building. Keep doormats clean. Use throw rugs just inside of entrances to trap the remainder.

Hardwood chemicals oxidize in strong light causing the wood to change color. To avoid an uneven appearance, move area rugs occasionally and drape or shade large west-facing windows.

Use fabric pads or fabric-faced glides on the legs of all furniture. They will allow furniture to be moved easily without scuffing the floor. Clean glides regularly to keep grit from becoming imbedded in the fabric. Change ball type casters to barrel type roller casters to avoid damaging wood. Gray, non-marking rubber casters are best. Avoid any type of plastic caster.

Sweep or dust mop daily and vacuum regularly. Never use a household spray dust treatment. Wipe up spills promptly with a dry cloth, tissue or paper toweling. For general cleaning, add 1/2 cup of white vinegar to 1 gallon of water and damp, not wet, mop or rag and follow with an old bath towel to dry the floor.

Never wax a hardwood finish. Once waxed, the floor cannot be merely buffed and recoated but will have to be completely sanded down to raw wood to restore the finish.

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Tomato Workshop & Tomato Cage Sale, Children's Workshop, and OmahaGives!

The Dundee Community Garden is off to a great start in 2016. The new greens are up, and with our mild winter, some of last year's crops over-wintered--we've been harvesting spinach since March!

Join the Dundee Community Garden for our free "Growing Tomatoes" workshop on Saturday May 14, 10-11 a.m. at the garden, at 4902 Underwood Ave. We'll cover selecting tomato plants, and how to plant, grow, support, and harvest tomatoes.

Also from 10-11 a.m., we'll be selling our hand-made tomato cages. Made from rebar, our tomato cages will contain your tomatoes and train them to grow vertically, saving you space in the garden. Our sturdy cages withstand the strong NE winds. Cages are \$15 each, or two for \$25. For more information or to reserve a cage e-mail us at info@DundeeGarden.org

Again this year, we plan to host monthly "Kids in the Garden" workshops for children ages 5-12. Our first workshop, "Planting the Three Sisters" will be on Tues. May 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No need to pre-register for this free children's activity.

DCG will again be participating in the Omaha Community Foundation's OmahaGives! on-line 24-hour charitable giving challenge on Wed. May 25. OmahaGives! is a fun and easy way to donate to your favorite local charities. You can donate any time during the 24-hour giving period, or you can schedule your gift ahead of time—donations accepted now!

While DCG membership dues cover our operating expenses, we rely on additional fundraising for larger goals. In 2016 we plan to get new picnic tables that are low-maintenance, have a "walk-through" accessible design, and are made from sustainable or recycled materials; we also plan to improve our "Neighbor Garden" area where members of the community are invited to help themselves to fresh produce.

If you would like to support the Dundee Community Garden as part of OmahaGives!, just go to OmahaGives24.org and choose the amount you want to give (minimum donation \$10). Your gift will be amplified by bonus dollars, and may help DCG qualify for hourly prizes. We benefit from every donation, no matter how large or small, so please consider making a tax-deductible donation during this 24-hour giving event on May 25.



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Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

Recommended for ages 15 months to 3 years, though children of all ages are welcome. Enjoy simple songs, creative movement, and short stories with the toddler in your life. Join in the fun by interacting and participating. Explore the early literacy skills of singing, playing, reading, talking and writing. Childcare groups, please call in advance.

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Baby Storytime - Fridays | 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.

Fit Club - Saturday, May 7 | 2 PM

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

Movie Day: Goosebumps - Tuesday, May 24 | 1 PM

Watch a movie at A.V. Sorensen Branch! Enjoy a snack and relax.

Movie Day: Shaun the Sheep the Movie - Tuesday, May 31 | 1 PM

Watch a movie at A.V. Sorensen Branch! Enjoy a snack and relax.

Teen Programs

Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, May 21 | 2 PM

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

Karaoke Battle - Wednesday, May 25 | 2-4 PM

Let your inner pop star take the state. Test your knowledge of popular music with games such as guess the artist, guess the lyrics and other musical battles.

Game Time - Thursday, May 26 | 2-4 PM

Have fun with your friends playing the Library's Wii, Xbox 360 Kinect & Wii U games.

Adult Programs

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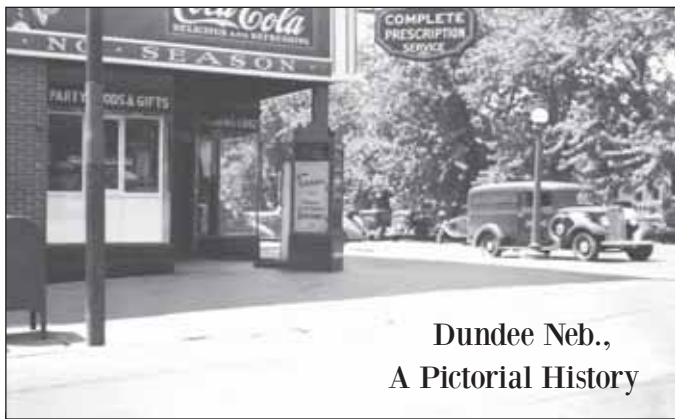
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