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Letter From the President

Molly Romero
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Thank You, Board Members (Past & Present) and All Volunteers

As residents of our neighborhood, we are all extremely fortunate for many reasons, and as an organization, the Dundee-Memorial Park Association is also extremely fortunate. On page two of each issue of this newsletter, you will find the names of people who help make this organization strong by currently or formerly volunteering to be on the board or to take on tasks year after year. When one thinks about it, what our neighborhood accomplishes is quite astounding. To list just a few: The flower basket program -- planting, purchasing, installing, daily watering and removing the baskets; spring clean-up day (generating donations for Dundee's A. V. Sorensen Library); garage sale day; "Re-Tree Dundee" program with its annual tree planting; maintaining a Facebook presence and a recently revamped website (where you can pay dues and become a member or make a donation to support the DMPA); and presenting regular neighborhood association meetings with interesting speakers and programs.

As a Dundee resident for many years, I have grown to understand how lucky we are for all the work that goes on, much of it out of the lime light, to keep our neighborhood one of the best in the country, as proclaimed by the American Planning Association in 2011. I wish to express my personal gratitude and reflect the gratitude of many who have expressed it to me, for all the work, talent and skill cheerfully offered up to the DMPA by so many neighborhood residents. You all make it the best!

Thank you, Adam!

On that note, I would like to express a special "Thank you" to Adam Langdon, who led the board for the past two years. It was difficult to allow him to pass the baton, but he will continue to be deeply involved in many ways, continuing his engagement as a board member, just without the (virtual) gavel. He represented the DMPA in many venues, raised awareness of the dangers of reversible lanes on Farnam and advocated for an end to that practice. (He will keep working on that!) He successfully worked to increase DMPA membership and expand board positions, increasing neighbors' involvement in the DMPA. And, while accomplishing those goals and many others, he represented the DMPA with charm, good humor, intelligence, enthusiasm, integrity, and diligence. Thank you, Adam! I am glad you are not going anywhere!

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President's Message

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Flower Baskets and the Water Brigade

Once again, on Mothers Day weekend, our flower baskets appeared, hanging from our historic street lamps, courtesy of Peter Manhart, Bob Welk, and many other volunteers. This is our 19th year for the flower baskets – thank you, Dan Rock and all the Rock family, for the idea and the diligence to bring the vision into existence. Our flower baskets are now a Dundee icon, a symbol of what a strong, engaging community can do. In addition, thank you Dan for 19 years of continuing to lead and coordinate the water brigade. You will often see Dan in the truck, usually early mornings, keeping the flowers lush and gorgeous. Please consider signing up to be on the water brigade. It is fun and you have the honor of driving the DMPA-owned water truck from plant to plant, which provides new perspective on what keeps Dundee so beautiful.

DCG's Little Free Library

We have some interesting folks here in Dundee. The people at the Dundee Community Garden, in addition to all the other ways they contribute to the community, have built a "Little Free Library." I stop by often, and find valued treasures there. On one stop, I found "The Indian in the Cupboard," a children's book that I have heard of many times but never read. I took it home, enjoyed reading it (I like children's books), and sent it out to Arizona to my young granddaughter, so she and I could talk about the story. Thank you to whomever left that book for me, and to the DCG for the delightful addition of their Little Free Library. (I also enjoy seeing books I have left disappear, making their way to another home, another reader.)

Ongoing Projects – Bridge Restoration, The Sunks, "You Are Here" Mural

This year we have a lot going on. There are three neighborhood projects in the fundraising stage and the DMPA is involved in all three of them. On our website you can make contributions for the Friends of the Bridge project, restoring the award-winning, almost 50-year old pedestrian bridge over Dodge, connecting Memorial Park to Elmwood Park. The other major project is the redesign and construction of the gardens for "The Sunks," that open space just east of Dundee Presbyterian Church, where the ice skating rink pops up each winter. Matt Dwyer, along with Big Muddy Inc, is leading the design team (and fundraising) to bring the Sunks back to its original glory. This will be a hugely significant project for Dundee, making the Sunks an inviting, beautifully landscaped garden and gathering place, while keeping the "football" part of the Sunks available for all those energetic young folks who want to run after the ball, or go ice skating in the winter. The third project, which will be accomplished first, is the "You Are Here" mural project planned for the west brick wall of the Dundee

Towers. Dundee resident and widely renowned artist, Watie White, in cooperation with the group, In Common, will be doing the art work, with a planned unveiling for Dundee Day. The mural will have portraits of Dundee people, a true reflection and celebration of Dundee's residents.

Dundee Day – August 27th – the Last Saturday in August

Dundee's street event is long standing, at least three decades. Originated by the DMPA, it was designed as a way to say "Thank You" to all our neighbors and share a celebration of Dundee. For quite a few years, the event was organized by volunteers from the Dundee Merchants Association. It is a huge task, requiring many, many volunteer hours. In addition to all the planning hours, on the day of the event, to create a smooth and fun multi-faceted event, it takes many people, very early morning set up and very late night break down/clean up, a full 24 hours of intense volunteer activity.

Over the past year and a half, we have seen a change in Dundee Day's operations and volunteer staffing. Perhaps you noticed some new faces last year. Several months ago, the DMPA and the Dundee Merchants Association formalized an arrangement making the event a collaboration between the two organizations. Sarah Troia, co-owner of Denim Saloon and President of the Dundee Merchants Association, and Sara Jensen, DMPA board member, are taking the lead to make certain this year's Dundee Day is one of the best ever, with our traditional pancake breakfast, parade, street Olympics, bounce house, and a large variety of craft goods and farmers' market type foods, food trucks, and the popular evening street festival with beer garden and live music.

There are many volunteer opportunities available – a fun way to get involved. If you are interested, you can contact Sara Jensen at SJensen0917@gmail.com or Sarah Troia at Denim Saloon.

All revenues from the Dundee Day event go to providing the business district with year-round, weekend, off-duty police patrol. In addition, this year, sponsorship advertising and donation opportunities are available.

While it can be intimidating to take up the helm on the heels of such an effective leader as Adam, I will be doing my best to serve the neighborhood association in every way I can, relying on all of you and especially the volunteers who make the neighborhood great. I enjoy seeing you all in the neighborhood and welcome your comments and suggestions, and look forward to friendly greetings as we see each other all over the neighborhood. Our monthly meetings resume in September, so see you then. Have a great summer!

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Business District Update

-- Molly Romero, Marks Bistro

Baela Rose – 4919 Underwood Ave

After some construction delays, the new Baela Rose is planning to open the first week of June, so they may be celebrating as this newsletter reaches your hands. Several months ago, in this newsletter, I wrote a short article on the restaurant and its owners. It has been a long time coming, and Chef-Owner Kyle Anderson, along with his wife and business partner, Rose Anderson, will be bringing a welcome addition to the Dundee dining scene.

Legacy Art & Frame – 111 North 50th Street – 402-330-6665

While picking up a calligraphy print I had asked Michael to frame for me, I spotted some vintage Japanese wood block prints he had on display. A sizable collection of these prints, which we guessed were from the 1940's, are placed with him on consignment. Who knows how they arrived in the states, or their history beyond the current owner's knowledge, but they are stunningly beautiful. All remaining prints are images of botanicals – gorgeous flowers, bushes, trees. Very colorful, and showing the beautiful patina of age. I could not resist, so I picked more than a few, after convincing myself I could make wall space available for them. I felt I had to pass along the information because these are such treasures, and so amazingly affordable. The larger prints are 10" x 13" on mats that measure 15" x 18" and are offered at \$40 each. There are smaller prints, 8" x 9" on mats that measure 9" x 12" that are offered for \$12 each. In addition, Michael has some loose pages (probably from books?) measuring 6" x 8" that are offered for \$10 each. The number on consignment is quickly dwindling, as they are irresistible. But if you find yourself near his shop, drop in to see if he has some still available – among all his other treasures.

Cask Republic – 5003 Underwood

With the French Bulldog closing, a new business is planned for that space. As you may have read in the Omaha World-Herald, the three proprietors of this new business are taken with Canadian poutine, a truly comfort dish of French fried potatoes, cheese curds and gravy, which can be prepared in multiple ways and with a variety of additions. In a conversation with Craig Lundin, I learned that in addition to the many variations of poutine – assorted appetizers and entrees – they will have desserts and, true to their name, a wall of craft beers on tap, as many as 27. They plan to have an opening in early June – so keep your eyes on their developments.

The Skye Building – 5018 Underwood

The other day, Dr. Kurt Davey confirmed that his Pediatric Office will be moving in to their Dundee offices May 31, and will be open, ready for patient appointments on May 31. The other second- and third-floor tenants, including apartment residents, will be moving in on May 31 and June 1. The street-level businesses, Scout and Willie Thiesen's restaurant, move in a bit later, with Scout being first, opening July 1, and the (not yet named) restaurant expecting a mid-August opening. Please welcome them all to Dundee's Underwood business district.

4949 Underwood – the Former Beer & Loathing Building

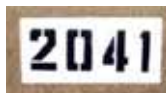
We all feel we have a stake on how our business district develops, and it seems we are all curious about what will next occupy the building formerly occupied by Beer & Loathing. Based on a recent conversation I had with a representative of Tom Simmons, the property owner, nothing yet has been decided on who or what will be the next business in the building. When I know more I will post it in the newsletter.

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Dundee Community Garden Ice Cream Social June 26

Wow spring has gotten off to a fast start! We're already harvesting, as we made our first produce donation to the residents of the Underwood Tower on May 14, with a 24-pound donation of spring produce including rhubarb, radishes, and lots of spring greens—spinach, collards, kale, and mixed salad greens.

Annual Ice Cream Social, Sun. June 26, 3-5 p.m. Join us for our annual ice cream social. We'll have sundaes for \$1, with all the toppings, including homemade hot fudge. We'll also have free face painting for the kids. Please come to see what's growing at the garden and have some ice cream!

Kids in the Garden: Nature Weaving Looms and Flower Pounding, Wed. June 15, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children ages 5-12 are invited to come make stick looms and weave garden treasures into the strings; and make a banner by pounding leaves and flowers. FREE.

Dodge Street Overpass Update

Just like the rest of Omaha, "Friends of the Bridge" (a grassroots group promoting the restoration of the Dodge Street Overpass) is gearing up for the annual Bank of the West Celebrates America concert at Memorial Park on Friday, July 1st. This year Kenny Loggins is the headline act and while everyone is "gonna cut footloose" we will be there promoting the restoration of the Dodge Street Overpass; complete with a video on the jumbo screens professionally produced by Dundee Digital!

For many residents in the Dundee Memorial Park neighborhood, the free summer concert is a chance to host a yard party for friends and family before, during, and after the big show. One of our efforts will be to recruit party hosts to collect donations from their guests for the Overpass restoration. We will supply donation buckets as well as drop-off and pick-up service. We will also have a supply of lapel stickers displaying our web address and a QR code your smart phone is capable of scanning to facilitate online donations.

If you plan on hosting a party for this year's Memorial Park concert and would be willing to set out a donation bucket, please contact Peter Manhart at 402.350.3890 or themanharts@cox.net City councilman Pete Festersen has already volunteered to collect donations at the Parkwood Lane party!

Finally, if you would like to support our restoration efforts now, donations are being accepted at our web site www.dodgestreetoverpass.org Each donation gets us one step closer to our goal of preserving the iconic Overpass for future generations.

Thank you!
Nick Manhart
"Friends of the Bridge"

2016 DUNDEE DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 27th PARADE APPLICATION

Please help us have a happy, well-organized Dundee Day 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 \$20.00 with checks payable to Dundee Merchants Association.

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When you get together with “old house people” (people who own old houses, not old people who live in houses) the conversation inevitably drifts to the topic of how to find good workers to fix

up an old house. That happened recently to me at a neighborhood holiday get-together which evolved into a mini-workshop on restoring double-hung windows but most of the questions were about hiring good repair people.

The bad news is that it’s hard to find good repair people. The worse news is it’s going to get harder. Unfortunately, most home improvement companies don’t want to touch an old house—mostly because old house work often uncovers unanticipated surprises. Like ceiling replastering that reveals decrepit plumbing or a simple electrical repair that can’t be finished until a damaged joist is replaced. Also, many of the skilled craftsmen are getting old and getting out. A company we hired to replace a metal roof had to bring a guy out of retirement because he was the only one who knew how to roll and solder the seams in the copper sheets. The concrete finisher who poured a new driveway for us retired one month after our job was done.

More old house owners are going to have to do it themselves just out of necessity. It has always been the purpose of this column to offer some guidance on old house repairs and even more importantly to offer encouragement to try.

But many people are intimidated by old house renovation. “I’m just not handy”, friends and neighbors often tell me. “Handy”, is not a gift—something you are born with—but a skill that you develop over time. Like many situations in life, you have to start where you are, work with you have and do what you can.

Here are some tips on how to get started.

Start with simple projects. Replacing the float assembly in a constantly running toilet is a lot easier than replacing all the plumbing lines that criss-cross your basement ceiling. Patching a hole in a plaster wall is simpler than drywalling the kitchen ceiling.

Seek out “how to” advice. Friends, co-workers, or family members who have done what you want to do are great sources of help. (You may even be able to bribe them with a few cold beers to make a house call.) The Internet is a great resource for step-by-step instructions. Try Googling your project. (For example, Googling “insulating an attic” brought up 32,600 entries.) Books and magazines are still reliable resources. The library has hundreds of books and magazines on home repair with detailed instructions, many amply illustrated with pictures that show you exactly what to do. Ask people at supply sources like lumberyards, hardware stores and whole-

sale distributors. When I needed help with a dishwasher that wouldn’t drain properly, a patient and understanding counterman at an appliance parts store on 72nd street offered some sound advice. A seventeen dollar part fixed the problem and saved me seventy-five bucks or more on a service call.

Invest in good tools and the right tools for the job. Often times when you find how-to-do-it articles they will list the tools you’ll need. Make the investment in the right tools and you’ll instantly be twice as handy as you thought. I guarantee it. Don’t buy the cheapest tools. They will just frustrate you and maybe make a mess of your project. You probably don’t have to buy the most expensive tools, either. Stick with tools somewhere in the middle price range and you’ll do just fine.

Be patient. Allow plenty of time for your projects. Home repair professionals have to work quickly and efficiently. Their livelihood depends on it. You, however, can take your time. If you get stuck on a problem, walk away for awhile. Sleep on it if you can. I have been pleasantly amazed how many times a seemingly impossible home repair problem was easy to fix with a fresh start.

Do what you can. Maybe you can’t do a whole job like renovating your kitchen. But try to work it out with your contractor to do parts of the job like tear out, or painting, or whatever you’re comfortable with.

While it’s doubtful that you will ever develop the same skill level as a professional, no professional is going to care about your home the way you do. And a professional is unlikely to devote the extra time and care on project that you will. So keep the faith. You’ll save a bundle. You’ll lessen the frustrations of finding good old house repair people. And, best of all, when neighbors and friends get together at your house you can point to the results of your latest home repair project and say proudly: “I did that myself.”

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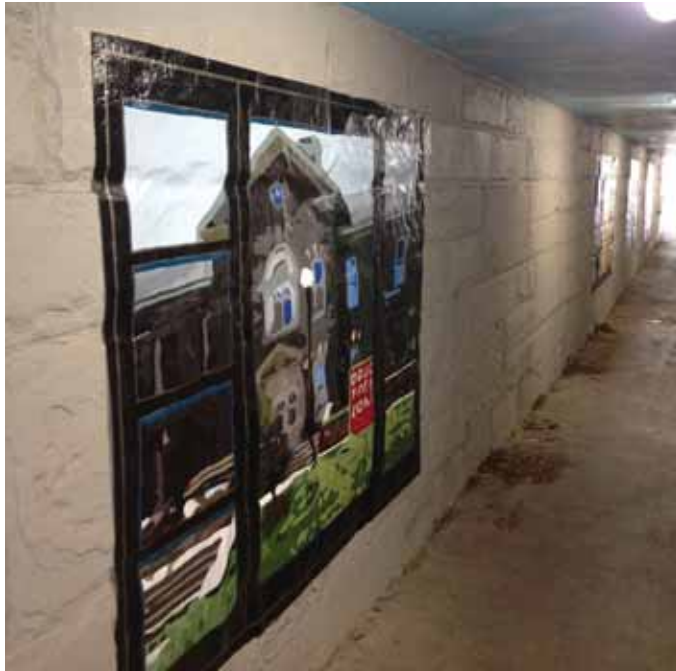
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Dodge Street Subway Mural Completed

Members of UNO's Chapter of the National Art Education Association completed installing the mural on the west side of the subway tunnel in May. Last October, the renovation work (new lighting, painting, concrete repair, drainage repair and new signage) was completed and the mural created by Dundee School students was installed on the east side of the tunnel. Unfortunately, colder weather required a delay until May before the rest of the mural could be installed. The west side mural, which contains five windows onto Dundee landmarks, was created by UNO art education students. A protective anti-graffiti coating has also been placed over the new mural. A special thank you to Amanda Caillau and all of the UNO and Dundee School students who put in hundreds of hours to make the two murals possible.

With the installation of the mural, the Dodge St. Subway project is now complete. What was once an eyesore has now become a new neighborhood landmark while preserving one of Dundee's historic structures. This project could not have happened without the very generous donors who gave \$40,000 to this project. A special debt of gratitude is owed to the Sherwood Foundation, Peter Kiewit Foundation, Mayor's Neighborhood Grant, City of Omaha Public Works Anti-Graffiti Grant, the Midtown Neighborhood Alliance, Dundee Elementary School and the University of Nebraska-Omaha for their generous support of this project.

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Kids' Programs

Toddler Storytime - Wednesdays | 10:30 AM

Lego Club - Wednesdays, June 1, 15 & 29 | 4:30 PM

Baby Storytime - Fridays | 10:30 AM

Sorensen Summer Reading Kickoff Party - Saturday, June 4 | 1-3 PM

Come to the Kick-off Party and sign up for Summer Reading Program, watch the magician - Steve Lindy - do fascinating magic tricks, (at 1:30 P.M.), and kids can even do creative children's crafts. It will be a great way for kids to start the summer at the library!

Fit Club - Saturday, June 4 | 2 PM

Movie Days - Tuesdays | 1 PM

June 7 | *Big Hero 6*

June 21 | *Inside Out*

June 14 | *Minions*

June 28 | *Hotel Transylvania 2*

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, June 7 & 21 & Saturday, June 18 | 4:30 PM

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

Kids Programs - Fridays, June 10, 17 & 24 | 2 PM

June 10 | Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery

June 24 | Princess Party

June 17 | Jeff Quinn Magic Show

Free Throw Contest - Wednesday, June 15 | 2 PM

Boys and girls ages 9-16 are welcome to participate in a free throw contest to see how many free throws they can make out of 10 attempts. Prizes will be awarded. Registration required.

Curious George Visits Sorensen Storytime - Saturday, June 25 | 10:30 AM

Curious George wants to meet the kids at Sorensen Branch, so he is visiting us for a special storytime. We will sing songs and listen to fun stories. Give him a hug and shake his paw. Don't forget your camera!

Teen Programs

Teen Programs - Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 1 PM (Registration required.)

June 9 | Cooking for Teens: Breakfast Pizza

June 23 | Cooking for Teens: Game Day Food

June 16 | Teen Mega Games

June 30 | Candy Sushi for Teens

Game Time - Saturdays, June 11 & 25 | 2-4 PM

June 11 | Super Smash Bros.

June 25 | Just Dance

Gr. 6-12 Nerf Lock-In - Friday, June 17 | 6-9 PM

Have a Nerf battle with your friends at the Library! Enjoy food and refreshments while playing games and having fun. Registration & a signed parental permission slip are required.

Adult Programs

Book Club - Saturday, June 4 | 1 PM

Book Club - Tuesday, June 7 | 4:30 PM

Beginning Meditation - Saturday, June 18 | 10:15 AM

Return to stillness and cultivate balance in your life through meditation. This class will address the logistics of establishing a meditation practice and offers a variety of techniques that regulate the mind-body-spirit as well as reduce your stress and increase vitality! Registration required.

Book Club - Saturday, June 18 | 1 PM

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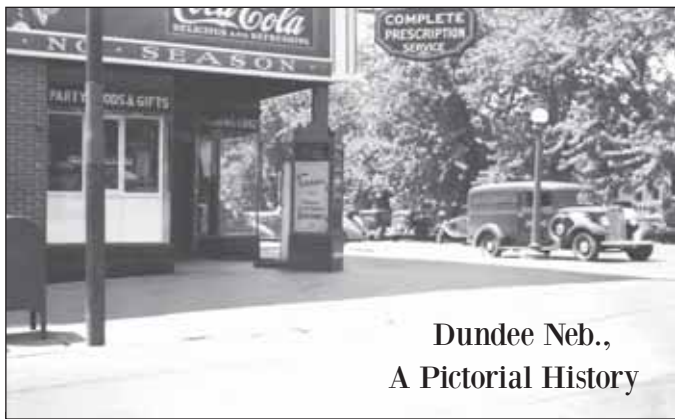
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