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Letter From the President

Happy New Year!

I hope you all ended 2016 on a high note of celebration during the holidays. Now, on to 2017. Whatever this coming year has in store for us, the many blessings as well as challenges, may we all extend to each other as many kindnesses as our imaginations can conjure. Let's make this year one of caring for our friends and neighbors with mutual respect and deep compassion.

The Dundee Sunks Skating Rink

With winter making its deep-freeze appearance, the Sunks Skating Rink is up and available for all to enjoy as long as our weather can keep us in the cold. I cannot help but smile broadly when I go by the skating rink and see children – and some adults – with skates on (or not) all bundled up and working their way across the ice. The smallest ones are especially fun to watch, those little ones with such short legs that when they fall, they almost bounce right back up, and go at it again. I have heard even golden retrievers have been seen attempting to negotiate the ice! (As spotted by Jeff Royal!) As in years past, for quite some time now, Dundee Bank is taking on the project of funding, installing, and removing our neighborhood skating rink.

Thank you, Jeff Royal and all at the Dundee Bank!
The Dundee Sunks Skating rink has become a staple of winter in our neighborhood for which we are all grateful, even those of us who enjoy the play more by watching than skating.

Bus Rapid Transit "BRT"

At our meeting this month, Monday, January 9th, we will have the pleasure of hearing all about Omaha's proposed Bus Rapid Transit ("BRT") system, planned for the Dodge corridor from downtown to Westroads – or perhaps from Westroads to downtown, depending on your perspective. Jason Ross, the BRT Outreach Coordinator, and Craig Moody, of ModeShift Omaha (and recently elected OPPD board member), will be our presenters. Many of you may recall the article in the Omaha World Herald in August 2015 describing what was presented that month at the first public meeting on the project, where it was heralded as a "new brand of mass transit" with architecturally significant stations, express service with specific, targeted neighborhoods for stops, including Dundee at 50th and Dodge. The BRT team says the BRT addition to the city's system that will be seen as "cool, fast, comfortable, reliable and modern." Come hear – and see – how the planning is going, what is being proposed, and how soon we can expect to have this great addition to our city and to our neighborhood. Way back in Dundee's history, the streetcar was the single most important factor that allowed the Dundee-Memorial Park area to develop and thrive. With the 50th Street BRT station right in Dundee, the BRT will truly be a boon to our neighborhood.

DMPA Meeting

**Next meeting
January 9th**

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.**

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President's Message

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Riddle

We don't often hear of riddles any more, as they seem like an old-fashioned game, but I have one for you. What happened just once in the last century, but will happen nine times in this century, with the second occurrence in 2017? There is a hint at the end of this letter, and for those who prefer not to ponder too long, but are still curious, the answer is buried somewhere else in this newsletter.

Games

And as riddles are like games, I found this delightful quote when I delved into John Ciardi's translation of Dante's *Inferno*, a book that somehow escaped my reading list during my formal education years.

"Every game ever invented by mankind is a way of making things hard for the fun of it."

--- John Ciardi, poet

Isn't this a fun idea to consider? The quote is not from Dante's *Inferno*, but I found it when reading more about John Ciardi, who was a fascinating figure. In addition, the quote reminds me that Omaha is among the few US cities with its own board-game café, Spielbound, on Leavenworth at 33rd Street. With a library of over 1,900 board games (both competitive and cooperative) and an amazingly helpful and knowledgeable staff, Spielbound is a very fun place to go with family and friends of all ages – and they have beer and pizza, along with terrific coffee drinks!

February Meeting – Film Streams

For our February meeting, on the 13th, Rachel Jacobson and Casey Logan of Film Streams will be giving us an update on the plans for our beloved Dundee Theater. In

their presentation, they will share visual plans as well as giving us information about the expanded programming. Once again, we have much to be grateful for with all the skill, talent, and dedication the Film Streams staff brings to us.

Flower Planting

Mary Green, of Dundee Community Garden fame, and DMPA board member, has a call out for flower basket planting volunteers. Please see her article elsewhere in this newsletter. I thought I would add my two cents – it is such a fun time, and so productive. The Indian Creek greenhouse feels so cuddly good, especially if it is frigid outside, and the lunches Mary arranges are the best. How can you find a better offer than come by for lunch, just arrive a bit before lunch time (10:00 am) and plant some baby begonias while chatting away with friends and neighbors? It is always a fun experience, while at the same time accomplishing a great deal. Our iconic flower baskets are amazing – as are the many folks that make them happen. I cannot mention them without a huge "Thank You" to Dan Rock, who is the flower basket guru of Dundee. Mary's article will give you the detail on how to sign up for the flower-planting party. Thank you, Mary!

We hope to see you at the January neighborhood meeting, Monday the 9th and Dundee Presbyterian Church. Please join us!

Riddle Hint – think 10.

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Flower Basket Planting: Call for Volunteers

Before last year's flower baskets become a distant memory, it's time to start planning for this summer's baskets. We'll need the help of many neighbors to get them planted in March!

Our annual flower basket planting event takes place on Fri. and Sat., March 24 and 25, at Indian Creek Nursery (303 N. Saddle Creek Road.) Indian Creek Nursery will care for the baskets through the spring. In May, the beautiful baskets will be hung on the historic Dundee street lights, spreading the unique charm that says Dundee all through the neighborhood.

Planting starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until about 3 p.m., with a mid-day break for a delicious lunch donated by neighborhood restaurants. No gardening experience required! This is a great way to beautify the neighborhood, make new friends, and catch up with old friends.

To volunteer for one or both days, sign up online at www.dundee-memorialpark.org, or e-mail Mary Green at megreen4@cox.net, or leave a message at 402-556-1830. You can also sign up at the monthly DMPA meetings.

Mary Green, Flower Basket Chair



Photos from the planting last year.



DMPA Meeting Schedule

This month's meeting January 9th, 2017
Next meeting February 13th, 2017





Looking for the Old House Mechanic article?

The archive of all the Old House Mechanic articles can be found at dundeeoldhousemechanic.org.
(Thank you, Bill Kelly for building and maintaining this website.)

Friends of Omaha Public Library Annual Meeting

January 14, 2017 1 p.m.

UNO

Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
6001 Dodge St., Room 231, Parking lots E & D

Michael Kelly, Omaha World-Herald journalist and master story teller is the featured speaker.

All are welcome.

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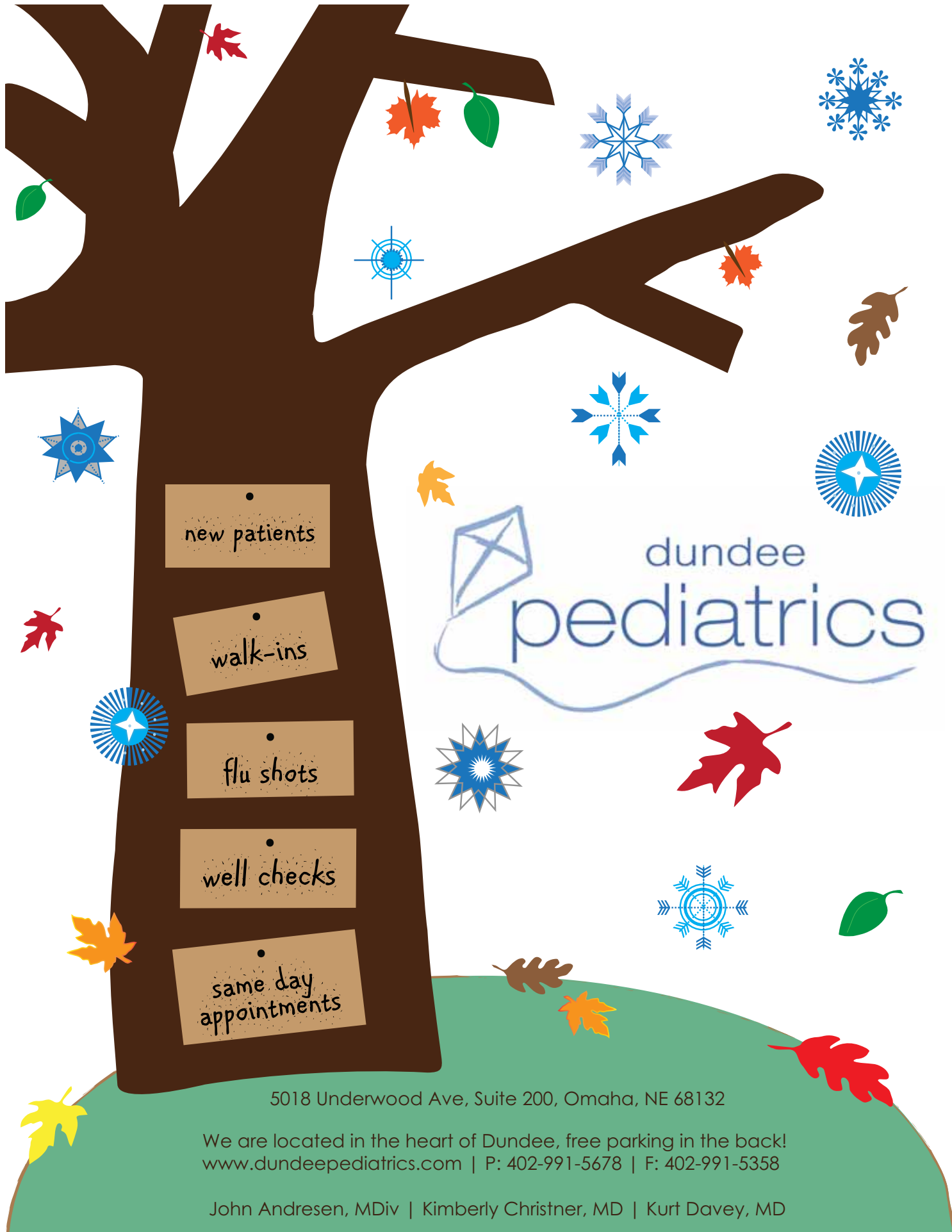
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Kids' Programs

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays, January 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

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.

Movie Day: The BFG - Wednesday, January 4 | 1 PM

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

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, January 7 | 2 PM

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

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

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

Corduroy Visits Sorensen Storytime - Saturday, November 12 | 10:30 AM

Dinosaur wants to meet the kids at Sorensen, 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 claw. Don't forget your camera!

Teen Programs

Game Time - Have fun with your friends playing games at the Library using our Wii, Wii U & Xbox 360 Kinect.

Thursday, January 5 | 2-4 PM

Saturday, January 28 | 4 PM

Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, January 14 | 2 PM

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

Adult Programs

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

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

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

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In Omaha, you can recycle these items in your green recycling bin:

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To prevent litter, place in a paper sack or small cardboard box **Do not use plastic bags**

Things like:

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Lay sack or box either inside bin, on top of bin, or next to your bin with opening facing away from wind.

cardboard boxes Corrugated cardboard. Flatten. Place on ground under bin or fold and stuff multiple boxes into one box and set out next to bin. Packing tape and staples are OK.

Gable top & Aseptic cartons, including: empty juice boxes, milk cartons, juice cartons and soup boxes.

Plastic bottles, cups, caps, lids, food containers and packaging with numbers:

#1 plastics PETE #2 plastics HDPE #3 plastics V #5 plastics PP Flattening plastic bottles helps prevent litter.

Caps and lids are now OK.

Items to include: Water bottles, pop bottles, cooking oil bottles, mouthwash and shampoo bottles, cleaning product bottles, milk jugs, juice bottles, margarine and whipped topping tubs, yogurt and sour cream containers, reusable/disposable food storage containers.

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NO! Do not include: Any soiled paper or these non-recyclable items. Paper plates Styrofoam Tissue Paper Hardbound Books Diapers Plastic Bags Rubber Bands

Place containers loose in the bin Not in plastic bags or paper bags

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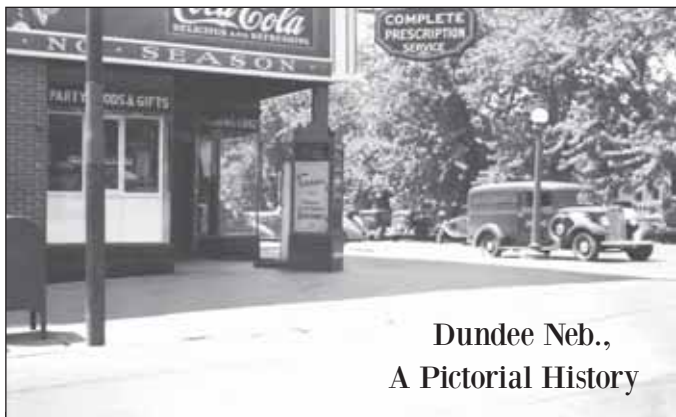
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