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Letter From the President

Molly Romero 402-502-2203

Signs of Spring!

As early as the first week in February, upon a purposeful, searching inspection in hope of a sign, I found a bit of fresh, green daffodil stem peeking up from the mulch in a Dundee business district street node. As early as the first week in February, I was surprised to hear spring song birds announcing their arrivals, filling the morning air with surround-sound cheer. I know we can still receive some winter cold, some spring snow, but the season is changing. It is palpable, and very welcome. And to remember that it happens every year and has given joy to people for as long as people could express their emotions, I share with you the first stanza of a short poem by Chinese poet Meng Hau-ran, Tang Dynasty, about 725 A.D.

*Slumbering in spring,
Unaware of sunrise,
Everywhere around me
I hear the twittering of birds*
-Translated by Greg Whincup

If only we could have such unhurried lives! While I feel eagerness for spring, I also relish the final days of the winter rest – no gardening, just waiting – and imagining spring’s transformation, helped along with gardener’s hand. Oh, those Breck’s catalogs!

Flower Basket Planting

Speaking of spring and flowers, the basket-planting fun begins on Friday, March 24, with a wrapping up lunch on Saturday March 25. It’s worth it for the free lunch (with no obligatory sales pitch) and the comradery of Dundee’s great neighbors. See old friends (and young) and make new ones. How do you receive these bountiful gifts? Sign up for flower basket planting. Mary Green, board member in charge of flower basket planting, and Dundee Community Garden President, makes it oh so easy to join the planting crew. Please see Mary’s article elsewhere in this newsletter that will give you the details on how to sign up for the flower-planting/lunch party. Thank you, Mary!

Neighborhood Meeting, Monday, March 13.

Just in time for the beginning of the “yard work season,” at our next neighborhood meeting we will have two tree experts to share with us tree-pruning principles and Omaha right-of-way requirements, David Austin of the Omaha Parks & Recreation Department and Andrew Clark, our OPPD Forester. Our neighborhood is full of stately shade trees; it is a neighborhood feature we all treasure. But, the more I learn about trees, the more I understand that we need to take care of them so they can take care of us, planting and forgetting is not our best stewardship.

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DMPA Meeting

Next meeting
March 13th

Location and times:

Dundee Presbyterian Church
53rd & Underwood Ave

7:00 Social

7:15 pm Meeting

Bring a friend or two.

**Meetings are always held
the second Monday
of the month.**

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Bob Welk and Dan Rock with baskets

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President's Message

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Before they leaf out, it is easier to see which branches are in the wrong place for tree health, so the timing of this presentation is perfect. Please join us in the regular place, Dundee Presbyterian Church, basement dining room, 7:00 social gathering, with meeting beginning at 7:15.

Past Presidents and DMPA History

Last month I mentioned how our neighborhood association and its predecessor have been active for many decades. I highlighted two past presidents: B.J. Reed and Jerry Ahlvers, whom I visited with at our last meeting. I spoke with Lannie McNichols briefly to let her know I wanted to write more about the DMPA history, then a week or so later, her daughter, Eli McNichols (board member in charge of membership) dropped of two large grocery sacks of files at her mother's request. There is a lot of history in those files, and I conferred with Dan Rock about where we could find a permanent home for the records where they can be kept accessible and safe – still undetermined.

I have had a chance to begin looking at the records, barely scratching the surface, and the organization, focus, persistence, professionalism, and dedication to neighborhood that is evident in just the first few (fat) files I have read is amazing. No wonder we have one of the best neighborhoods in the country! Thank you, Lannie and all those who gathered in your home back in the 1970's to preserve what is best about our neighborhood. I will make progress on those files and share with you more detail in my next letter.

Flower Basket Contributions

It is not too late to contribute and get flower baskets for your block. You can give a check to your block captain or go to the DMPA website and donate on line. If you choose to donate using the website, please, let your block captain know you have done so, and if you do not know your block captain, or don't have one, give Peter Manhart a call and let him know. The flower baskets beautify our neighborhoods from May to October, so make sure your block gets in on the "flower power" of Dundee.

February Neighborhood Meeting Re-Cap.

At last month's meeting, Rachel Jacobson, Founder and Executive Director of Film Streams, gave us an update on the plans for the Dundee Theater, and letting us know that construction has already begun. Although it would be a tight schedule, it is possible, just possible, it may be open this coming December, in time to premier Alexander Payne's new film, "Downsizing," which was filmed in Omaha last year. Just possible, by no means certain, but it is a goal for both Film Streams and Mr. Payne. The plans Rachel shared, which were also published in the Omaha

World-Herald, were well received by the almost "full capacity" crowd and were accompanied by many questions about programming and what would be new to the space. Everyone there showed great enthusiasm and support for the project. How lucky we are to have Film Streams in Omaha, which is such a gem, and then to have it expand into our neighborhood! Thank you to Rachel, her staff, her board, her supporters, and especially to the Sherwood Foundation and her other generous donors.

Holiday Lights.

Recently, I received an inquiry about how long the business district was going to leave the holiday lights in the trees. If someone is curious enough to ask, there must be many of you wondering – why are the lights still up? For the past several years, we have instructed the contractor to leave them up until right after Valentine's Day. True, the garlands do seem a bit more Christmas oriented than tree lights, but the tree lights keep the street so festive, especially if we have a dreary winter, that the merchants association decided to keep the festive feel, just through Valentine's Day. The garlands tag along for the ride to avoid two removal dates, but we will explore whether we can remove the garlands earlier for next year. In the past, we have considered leaving the tree lights up all year, and there was support for the idea, but, in the end, it was decided that mid-February would be long enough. The Dundee merchants hope people continue to enjoy them as long as they are on display.

Garage Sale Weekend

Another reminder, this year's garage sale is scheduled for the weekend of May 18-21. If you wish to participate and get the benefit of extensive marketing that the DMPA does, which draws a large crowd, please register. If you are not a member, you can join when you sign up for the garage sale. Only members can register and be listed as a garage sale site. But even if you do not want to hold a garage sale, we would love to have more members, so if you are not yet a member, join anyway.

The more members in our association, the more powerful our voice.

That's all the news for this month. See you in the neighborhood!

Molly

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Flower Basket Planting March 24 and 25: Volunteers Needed!

We'll be planting flower baskets in just a couple weeks, and we need your help! The Dundee neighborhood will once again look beautiful this spring with baskets of flowers hanging throughout the business and residential areas. BUT we still need additional volunteers for planting the baskets at Indian Creek Nursery on Fri. March 24 & Sat. March 25. Planting is from 10-3, and a delicious lunch will be provided by neighborhood restaurants. This is a great opportunity to do a good turn for the neighborhood and get to know your neighbors. This all-volunteer effort depends on the involvement of people like you!

This is our 15th year of planting and hanging the flower baskets. The baskets, filled with red begonias, are part of what makes our Dundee neighborhood so charming, and one of the top livable neighborhoods in the country. Please help us keep this wonderful tradition going!

If you can help on either (or both) days, sign up on our website at www.dundee-memorialpark.org, or contact Mary Green at megreen4@cox.net, or (402) 556-1830. Thank you for helping keep Dundee in flowers!

Date: Friday March 24 - Saturday March 25
Time: 10-3 (both days) - Lunch provided by local Dundee restaurants!
Location: Indian Creek Greenhouse 303 N. Saddle Creek Road
(Greenhouse is on the SE corner of the property)



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This month's meeting March 13th, 2017
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Lego Club - Wednesdays, March 1, 15 & 29 | 4:30 PM

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Baby Storytime - Fridays | 10:30 AM

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Fit Club - Saturday, March 4 | 2 PM

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

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

Teen Programs

Video Game Design - Saturday, March 11 | 2 PM

Help us celebrate Teen Tech Week 2017 by joining us for a lesson in basic video game design using various physical and digital tools including Qixels, Bloxels and Mario Maker on the Wii U.

Registration required.

Cooking for Teens: Donuts - Tuesday, March 14 | 2 PM

Join us for a lesson in creating donuts using a Donut Maker and various recipes. Registration required.

Game Time - Thursday, March 16 | 2-4 PM

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Gr. 6-12 Teen Lock-In - Friday, March 17 | 6-9 PM

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Teen Advisory Board - Saturday, March 18 | 2 PM

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Adult Programs

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

Starting Seeds Indoors - Wednesday, March 8 | 6:30 PM

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

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Eclectic Book Review Club

The Eclectic Book Review Club, founded in 1949, is announcing its Winter 2017 schedule.

Mar. 21 – Getzchman of the Omaha Public Library will review “Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah.

Apr. 18 – Joe Starita of the UNL Journalism Department will review his new book, “A Warrior of the People: How Susan

La Flesche overcame Racial & Gender Inequality to Become America’s First Indian Doctor.”

May 16 – Evelyn McKnight, a Hepatitis C survivor, will review her book, “A Never Event: Exposing the Largest Outbreak of

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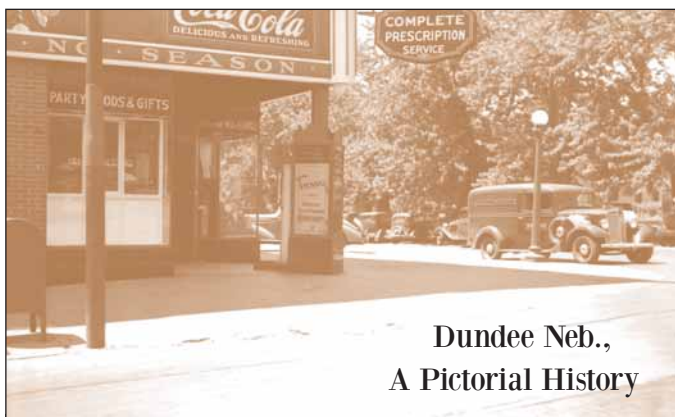
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