

# Next In Person DMPA Meeting April 11th

### Speaker:

Tiffany Regan, Omaha Parks & Recreation Department

Location and times: Brownell Talbot School 400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd 7:00 pm Meeting Bring a friend or two.

Meetings will now be held quarterly the second Monday of the month.



### **Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter**

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### **Letter From the Presidents**

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### President's Letter by Sara Nelson

Hello Neighbors! How was everyone's spring break? I came back from vacation feeling refreshed and ready to take on ALL the household projects. From cleaning out closets to planning the build out of my raised vegetable garden, I am making a list and getting right to it. This past weekend we started getting our backyard cleaned up and relaxation ready. Don't you feel like your home gains so much square footage when you & your family can hang out outside all afternoon? I just love it! We've got a little pile of large items, such as broken outdoor umbrellas, accumulating on the side of our house to drop off at Spring Clean Up. Make sure to ask your elderly neighbors if they need help getting any larger items thrown away. If you live next to rental properties, now would be a great time to get in contact with the landlords if there's trash accumulating outside. Good neighbors make great communities!

### Spring Clean Up

Our neighborhood Spring Clean Up day will be May 21st at the Brownell Talbot parking lot. If you have any questions about what items are accepted, you can check out the full list at Omaha's Wasteline website under the "Special Waste" tab, and then select "Spring Clean Up - 2022". None of the items under the "Prohibited Items" list will be accepted. Watch for more details in the May newsletter.

### Omaha's Urban Core Housing and Mobility Redevelopment Plan

With a goal to improve transit and mobility, affordable housing, and job growth downtown, Omaha's Planning Board has approved the Urban Core Housing and Mobility Redevelopment Plan. The boardaries to this redevelopment area are Missouri River west to 50th Street, and Woolworth to Cuming and it includes a streetcar. The streetcar will run on a three-mile route from Cass to Farnam on South 10th street, Farnam west to 42nd Street, and back to 10th Street on Harney. As much as \$350 million dollars in tax incremental financing will be used to fund the redevelopment. The DMPA will be working with the Planning Department to educate neighbors about this plan and will invite city leaders to a future neighborhood meeting. We are hoping for August's quarterly meeting and we will keep you updated.

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### President's Message

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### Thank you Adam Langdon

This May, Adam Langdon will retire from DMPA's board. Adam has brought enthusiasm, knowledge, perspective and much much more to the board. He has gone above and way beyond for our community and has definitely left his mark. Thank you Adam for all that you have done to keep this neighborhood one of the best neighborhoods in the country. We so very much appreciate you!

### April's Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting

We are looking forward to seeing you Monday, April 11th at 7pm. The meeting will be hosted at Brownell Talbot and our gracious hosts have let us know that masks are optional. Please park in the Happy Hollow lot.

Guests for this quarterly meeting include Tiffany Regan with the Omaha Parks Department, Amanda Tjarks with Albany and Avers, and Saul Lopez with the City of Omaha's Lead Information Office. Tiffany Regan will touch on the topics of the Omaha Parks Foundation, the connection of the Foundation with parks within DMPA neighborhoods, and a proposed celebration of the upcoming 75th Anniversary of Memorial Park. Amanda Tjarks will talk with neighbors about the opening of Albany & Avers in the Business District. Saul Lopez will explain more why Dundee is a lead focus area and answer any questions neighbors may have.

We hope to see you there!

### Garage Sale Weekend

Have you signed up yet? Getting rid of stuff is one of my most favorite things to do! So excited! This year's event is May 12th through May 15th. Sign up on our website today!

Flower baskets

We are still accepting donations as any extra funds will help us refurbish lamp posts. And please consider signing up to help water these beautiful flowers! Thank you!

Until next time, neighbor!













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### **Greetings From Dundee Community Garden!!**

After an unseasonably warm February and March, our gardeners have been eager to get started on their early season planting. Every year we need to repair or replace a few of our raised beds. We held our Raised Bed Build on March 13—and found out that the price of lumber has tripled since we started building our own raised beds nine years ago—yikes!

Don't Clean Up Too Soon: While we're eager to start planting, we don't want to be too eager to clean up last year's plant materials. Experts recommend that we wait until the weather is consistently 55° before starting spring cleanup. Many butterflies, bees, and other pollinators are overwintering in the dead leaves and hollowed-out stems of last year's plants. Waiting a few weeks for your cleanup will allow overwintering insects to survive and thrive. Some bees don't emerge until late May, so the longer you can tolerate your "messy" garden the better. And, when you do finally cut back those hollowed-out stems, leave some length so that insects can use them this year as the new growth surrounds and hides the old stems.

Plants for a Healthy Food Web: Are you planning your garden, and going to plant sales? While there are many factors influencing your choices, here's some recommendations for top native plants to provide a healthy food web in your garden, courtesy of Scott Vogt of Dyck Arboretum of the Plains. If you can manage to incorporate some, if not all, of these powerhouse plants, you'll be providing a solid foundation for a food web that includes insects, birds, small reptiles, small mammals, etc.

- Goldenrods (our NE state flower) are a powerhouse plant that supplies pollen and larval host food for over 100 species of insects. (And it is ragweed, NOT goldenrod, that causes allergy problems.)
- Asters provide a late-season source of pollen for bees, and nectar for bees and butterflies, as well as act as hosts for caterpillars over the summer.
- Sunflowers support 73 species of insects, providing lots of nectar and pollen, and the seeds are eaten by many birds and other wildlife.
- Milkweeds are an essential larval food source for monarch butterflies.

### Let the fun begin!











### The Spring DMPA Garage Sale is Back!

Thursday, May 12 Friday, May 13 Saturday, May 14 Sunday, May 15

The Annual Spring DMPA Garage Sale Weekend Is Back! And it will be here before you know it. Start going through your closets, storage room, attic, garage and wherever else you have stashed all those goodies. All Dundee-Memorial Park Association members whose memberships are current are eligible to participate. You decide which dates to have your sale and set your own hours. The Association will promote the event with yard signs, advertising and a complete listing of sale locations on our website. This year the DMPA will sponsor a Fall garage sale too, most likely in September. Make 2022 the year you get organized!

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### A Street Clock Dream

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In 1997, Dan Rock pursued his dream of a Dundee Street Clock and presented drawings, costs, and specifications to the Dundee Memorial Park Association on two occasions before the landmark project was voted to proceed. Rock also asked the Association to make a financial commitment and agreed to lead the fund-raising campaign. The Dundee Merchants Association and the Business Improvement District planned other improvements in the business district at the same time.

Under Rock's leadership, the Dundee Memorial Park Association's "Preserving our Neighborhood in Time" project raised \$32,500 to purchase and install the 16-foot tall, four-faced, replica 1930s street post clock at 50th & Underwood. The clock's four dials are visible from all sides at a distance. Thanks to the generosity of 250 donors, the Dundee Clock Fund reached its goal. Dundee's 16-foot, 1930s street clock became a reality. The names of donors of \$100 or more were listed on a plaque near the clock.

The Public Works Department ordered the clock, benches, and planters; and prepared the site for brickwork and lighting.



In 1997, longtime Dundee newsletter publisher Ellen Shurson wrote, "While Dan will argue that many people helped put the project together, which is true, but the fact remains that if he had not persisted, a project of this magnitude would not have happened."

Dundee's Street Clock was dedicated at Dundee Day, June 14, 1997.

### Elmwood Park's Steven S. Parsow Playground

Jim McGee



with all of us."

"We're very thankful for this amazing park and all the toys!"

"Thank you, Debra Parsow, for your lovely and lasting gift!"

"One of the sweetest places in the city!"

"Debra is a jewel in our neighborhood. She has created a focal point of happiness and community in our park".

"I see lots of happiness and smiles on the Steven S. Parsow Playground. Than you, Debra!" "What a wonderful tribute!"

"Absolutely amazing!"

"It is a lively place. Children Love it!"

"Debra has the best heart for others!"

"A great tribute to a wonderful, personable guy. Dearly missed."

"This tribute to Steven is a living legacy to a terrific man."

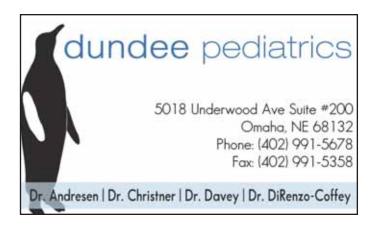
You can find Debra Parsow early every morning in Elmwood Park cleaning and stocking the Steven S. Parsow Playground with chalk and repairing the toys which she provides.

Most don't know who's responsible for the playground, the chalk, the toys, or the story behind the generosity. Debra relishes the sight of kids jumping out of cars and racing to the playground that was dedicated in 2016 in loving memory of her husband, Steven.

#### Testimonials abound.

"My grandchildren love this park and it is a beautiful gathering place for families. Steven. Parsow was such a fine man. Thank you, Debra for sharing your love of him







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"\$178,500 "	4907 Davenport	1	1	1	Other	827
"\$180,000 "	5016 California	2	2	1	1.0 Story	"1,069"
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"\$255,000 "	803 N 49th Ave	3	2	0	1.5 Story	"2,020"
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"\$290,000 "	678 Parkwood Ln	3	3	2	R Ranch	"1,842"
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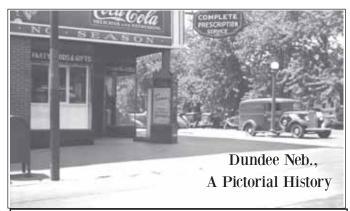
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