

# **Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter**

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# **Letter From the Presidents**

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## President's Letter by Sara Nelson

ello Neighbors! June was definitely a month of learning and reflection, wasn't it? As I canvassed the neighborhood last month with TOD flyers, I was filled with hope as I saw SO MANY Black Lives Matter signs in windows and yards. I am hopeful that this momentum of change will end systemic racism for good. Thank you for doing what you are able to do (whatever that is) to make this happen.

# Transit Oriented Development News

Last month we talked extensively about TOD and the effects that the opt in zoning could have on the building scale of Dundee over time. In alignment with the information in June's Newsletter, the DMPA released a video overviewing the changes to the original proposed map that we wished to see. We heard from neighbors who were shocked by the TOD-2-MNR designation on the map and for that we are thankful! What neighbors have voiced strongly is that we do not want four to five story buildings allowed to be built throughout Dundee. We took the information that we received from you to the City Planning Department. Molly Romero, Mary Green, and myself sat down with David Fanslau, Jed Moulton, and Derek Miller (great people by the way!). We proposed our own map which included: TOD-3-MNR on Capitol Ave from 48th to 50th and between 51st and 52nd and Dodge. The remainder of Dundee we asked for the TOD-4-SFA designation. When speaking to the planning department, they agreed that we are not concerned about the apartment buildings being converted back to single family residences. That will never happen due to the opt in nature of the TOD zoning. What DMPA is concerned with is that over the next 10, 20, 30 years, new large developments will edge out smaller dwellings that exist within the neighborhood. Dundee already has a great mix of economic diversity and medium density. We hope that underdeveloped areas around Omaha can mirror these great aspects of Dundee.

The TOD public comment period has ended. The next step will be the Urban Design Review Board Public Hearing on July 16th, then the Planning Board Public Hearing on August 5th. We are waiting to hear the city planners on a revised version of the map. Once we hear from them we will distribute the map to the neighborhood. City Council will vote on the final proposed TOD Land Use Map on September 15th.

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"I just encourage people to stay healthy, be positive, take care of your family. It really comes down to family, friends, and community. You cannot replace that."



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"You need to not underestimate the generosity of the people in this city."

# stories happening right here and right now.

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Join us in following along with these stories and recognizing the achievements of our community's small businesses and the challenges they have overcome.

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# President's Message

### **Dodge Street Subway Issues**

We've been seeing some problems with vandalism as well as other issues in the Dodge Street Subway. Currently as an association, we are working on funding for a new security system to help deter these problems. DMPA applied for \$5,000 from the Mayor's Grant to install additional lighting on the ramps and to install new cameras. The Mayor informed us that the City was not going to be awarding neighborhood grants this year because of the budget shortfall caused by the pandemic. As you know, the Subway has student's artwork along the walls that we are all very proud and protective of. Please reach out to Dave Schinzel at drschinzel@hotmail.com if you would like more information.

#### Trash Talk

What I love so much about this neighborhood is people's desire to help out without anyone asking them. If you see a problem, you fix it. This is true for neighbors that have seen an increase in trash at Elmwood and Memorial Park. I received an email from a neighbor saying that he has frequently headed to the park with gloves to pick up litter. He has also been reaching out to our City Council members to seek more trash receptacles. Thank you!

A similar story, my neighbor, Emily Strauss has been mowing and maintaining the little park at the east side entrance of Dundee on 48th & California for ten years. She mows every week, she empties the trash, and last year after someone put a firework in the can and blew it up, she replaced it! I am so thankful to have such wonderful & caring neighbors!

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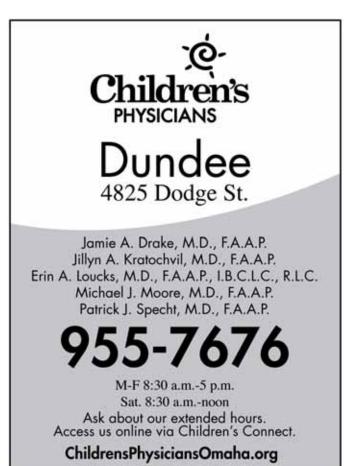
#### COVID 19

We want to say THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the DMPA + DMA COVID Relief Fund. We are so grateful for the generous community that we live in. Please please continue to support the local businesses in Dundee. If you're like me, you may not feel comfortable being in spaces without your mask on, but take out is always an option!

## **New Recycling Schedule**

Starting June 29th, Omaha will have a new recycling schedule. I've attached a link to the new schedule below and for reference, Dundee is group A. If you have trash pick up on Thursdays, your recycling will be picked up on July 2nd and then every other week from now on. The link is:

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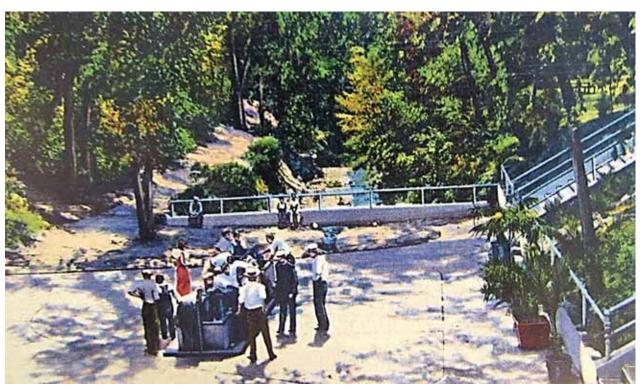
# **Dundee History**

The Famous Natural Springs, Elmwood Park, Omaha, Neb. By Jim McGee

The postcard showing the Famous Natural Springs at Elmwood Park was produced in Chicago in 1935. The unused post card arrived in back in Omaha after being in France.

There are only a handful of images of Elmwood Park's legendary mineral springs. The bubbling, cool, clean water contained magnesia, silica, soda and other minerals. The health department declared Elmwood Park's famous spring unsafe in 1947 but people continued to use it despite the ban. The famous natural spring water was diverted and replaced with tap water in 1947. People didn't know the difference.

The pollution of the Famous Natural Springs was been attributed to a very deep well dug when Omaha University was built by the WPA in the late 1930s and a leaky sewage plant built by the Village of Dundee around 1900.





Check out Keep Omaha Beautiful's online summer activities. Nature in Your Neighborhood and Stewardship School provide you with the tools and resources to get you and your family outside, exploring nature in your neighborhood, and learning how to be better stewards of our environment. New activities are added each week!

Nature in Your Neighborhood activities are designed to encourage you to go outside and explore the nature in your neighborhood, all while practicing safe social distancing. The activities are adaptable for all ages and include additional resources to extend your learning.

Stewardship School activities help you discover how to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Through these activities, you will have an opportunity to get creative and transform waste materials into artistic and useful items, while also reducing single-use waste items. Activities also include additional resources to extend your learning.

# Social Distancing Journal/Week 5

by Jean Sigler

We were told by the experts that only one person per household should be going to the grocery store during these dangerous times. In our house Bob is the designated shopper. He has been doing a fine job and learning a lot about selecting specific products. I am so grateful to him that I hesitate to even mention the one thing that I might change about his technique. He buys in bulk. And I don't mean just a little bulk. He buys in a whole lot of bulk. In my last list I asked for some peanut butter. He bought a 26 oz bottle of Smuckers Crunchy. It would take our family about a year to eat that much peanut butter.

I asked for some apple cider vinegar that I use occasionally in a recipe or two. He bought a gallon. Adding that to the gallon of white vinegar that I had already bought for cleaning purposes and the gallon he bought for removing stains from that driveway and the small bottle in the cupboard we are now up to 384 ounces of vinegar and some change. I have another recipe that calls for Craisins and I sometimes sprinkle a few on a spring salad. He filled my request with a 48 oz package of Craisins. I put it in the fridge and was barely able to shut the door.

I ordered a small box of corn flakes for my special cheesy potatoes. I really only need about 3 ounces. Bob brought home a 43 oz. box. That left me with 40 ounces of corn flakes to dispose of.

I added carrots to the list. He brought home 12 bulk carrots the size of tent poles.

I've been thinking a lot about ways I could use all of these groceries that doesn't involve eating them, which would be out of the question and quite possibly dangerous to our health. I think I came up with a couple of really good ideas which not only use up the overflow, but provide hours of indoor fun.

I'll start by building a village out of Lincoln Logs. I still have some from when the grandkids were little. I'll use that Smuckers to chink between the logs. I'll have a Peanut Butter Lincoln Log Post Office, a Peanut Butter Lincoln Log General Store, a Peanut Butter Lincoln Log Blacksmith Shop and a Peanut Butter Lincoln Log Café serving guess what kind of sandwiches.

I'll stick the Craisins together with frosting to make little villagers and cars and animals and such to live in the Peanut Butter Lincoln Log Village. There will be Ma and Pa Craisin who are raisin' the twins - Brazen, and Blazin'. There will be an overzealous cop – Tazin' Craisin. It will be a diverse village with German Craisins, Irish Craisins and Asian Craisins.

The villagers will live in harmony and happiness until they are beset by a terrible tragedy – the Great Vinegar Tsunami of 2020. Make up your own ending.

But there are still leftover groceries. In these trying times, it would be sinful to waste even a smidgen of food. So as a way to conserve supplies and maybe make some extra cash, I will set up The Dundee Drive-By Salad Bar. I'll send Bob to Home Depot to buy a 10 gallon wash tub. He'll get a 15 gallon one which should be just about right. I'll fill the tub with lettuce and dress the salad with 136 ounces of vinegar (even after the tsunami, there was some left). For garnishes there will be a 5 gallon bucket of shaved carrots and another 5 gallons of leftover Craisins. Instead of Croutons – a giant tub of crushed corn flakes.

I'll supply complimentary napkins from my stash of 252 flushable wipes Bob bought during the Great Toilet Paper Shortage.

I'm thinking I'll turn a pretty penny with this project!

# Dundee Restaurant Offerings as of late June

Take out only, (some offer delivery):

Amsterdam Falafel, Dundee Double Shot Coffee, eCreamery, Great Harvest, Hoppy Taco, Le Quartier, Lola's, Marks (with patio seating, but no table service).

**Open with dine-in:** Avoli, Blue Line Coffee, Dario's, Dundee Dell, Goldbergs, Pitch **Non-food:** Cork & Bottle, Underwood Bar, Marks' Wine Cellar.

The restaurants listed as doing take out only may be opening for dine in soon so check to see if the situations have changed.

# **Dundee Community Garden News**

by Mary Green

Despite an unusually hot June, the Dundee Community Garden is flourishing. Our members' plots have already produced an impressive amount of salad greens for their families. Cool season crops (radish, lettuce, and spinach) are wrapped up and the warm season crops are coming on strong. We started our weekly donations to the Underwood Tower in June, with a large quantity of Easter Egg radishes and early greens donated on our first donation day of June 6.

The rhubarb in the Neighbor Garden area (where people can help themselves) was heavily harvested this spring, but at this point it's time to let the rhubarb rest and recover—we ask visitors to stop harvesting rhubarb in mid-June so the plant can build up energy stores to survive over the winter. In the Neighbor Garden the yellow squash are coming in strong, as well as the beans, herbs, collards and kale—so stop by if you want to pick a small amount of any of those. (Fingers crossed the squash bug doesn't find the squash too soon!) Tomatoes, eggplants and peppers may need a few more weeks before they are ready to start harvesting.

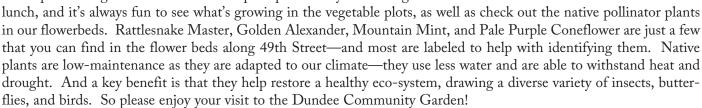
Even with the late spring frost, after our peach and apple trees had already blossomed, it looks like the fruit trees are loaded with fruit, and we should be getting a good fruit harvest this year too. We order our sweet potato slips

each year from Kansas State University, and some years the slips arrive earlier in the season than others. This year was slower than most, so we got a late start on planting, but anticipate we'll still have a good sweet potato harvest in the fall.

This has been a great year for rabbits—we've seen up to four rabbits at one time in the garden, and one member found a nest of 6 or 7 baby rabbits in her plot! Rabbits love to eat the new young bean shoots, so many of us have been protecting our crops with fencing this year.

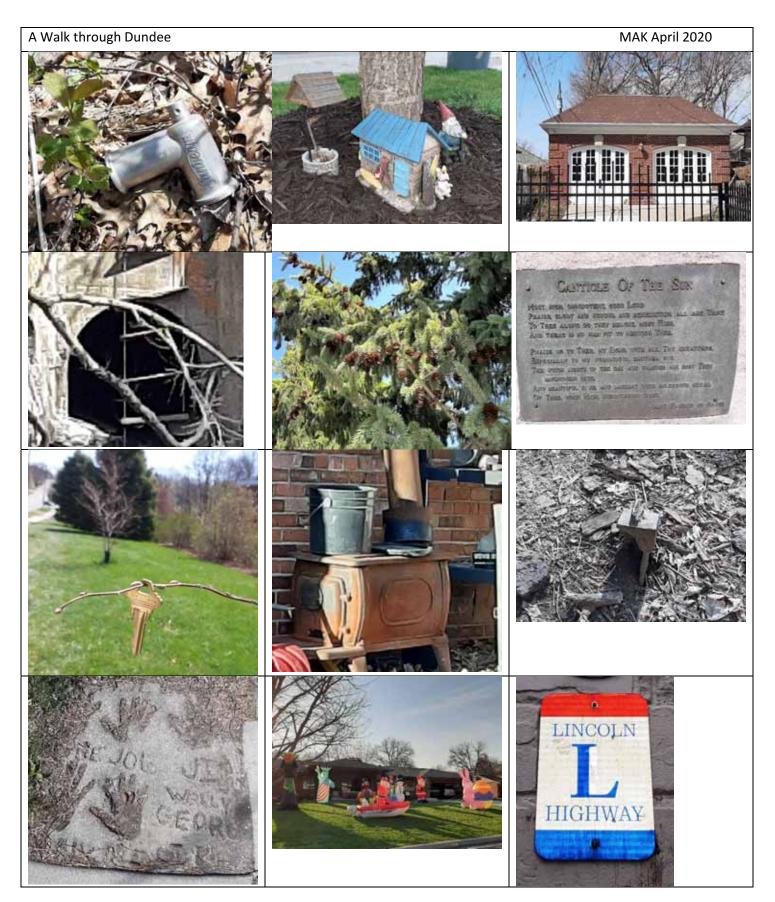
One of our goals for 2020 was to refinish the wood part of the entranceway. We're grateful to B&D Quality Painting who did a great job with the sanding and sealing in June.

Be sure to stop by the garden and see what's growing! Our picnic tables provide a great location for an impromptu socially-distancing outdoor

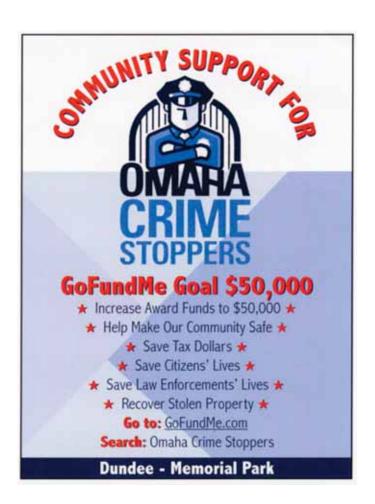








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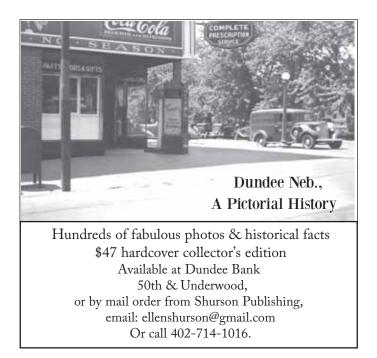
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