

## Dundee-Memorial Park Association Newsletter

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# Letter From the President

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## Hi Neighbor!

I became president of the DMPA a year ago 2 weeks after my Dad died after a brutal and swift bout with brain cancer. My wife, Allison, will tell you that in the next few months I wanted to quit about a dozen times as some challenging issues started to arise that required good leadership. With the encouragement of Allison and my Dad's voice telling me to "hang in there", I decided to move forward because I love Dundee. I will live here every day I am able and Rosie, my daughter, is a fifth generation resident in my family.

Two big issues came to a culmination with the April 4 city council meeting.

The Taste of Omaha was surprisingly set to return to Elmwood after assurances from our local officials it would not. However, I did not support opposing Taste until I talked to Mike Mancusso who runs the event. Mike and I had two lengthy and extremely positive and constructive discussions. I will never make an important decision without getting input from as many people on both sides as I can. I learned that from my Dad. I took his best points to our board and after debate we decided to oppose Taste at Elmwood and support it enthusiastically any other place in town. Danny Begley, Pete Festersen and the council voted to not approve the liquor license after an open, fair and vigorous debate.

The roundabout vote followed. The DMPA started a safety campaign in 2016 to make Farnam 2 way all day. The campaign gained momentum, but

when presented with the options two years ago, the DMPA decided instead to advocate for a 1 year pilot program where Farnam was 2 way all day every day. That option was not allowed by the city to be considered. This left the DMPA with the simple choice of fighting the roundabout funding at the city council which would kill the entire project or accept the roundabouts. The DMPA, after in person neighborhood association meetings, in person meetings with residents on or near the impacted areas, in person meetings with local leaders and local business leaders and attending city planning meetings on the project decided that a majority of the folks we talked to didn't want the roundabouts which presented safety concerns and would take land from some of our homeowners. Peter Manhart, Jim Mcgee and many of our neighbors testified against the roundabouts and a fair and open debate took place culminating in the city council unanimously denying the project. We will continue to advocate for 2 way all day without millions being spent on capital improvements.

Here at the DMPA we are all volunteers. We all care. We are all open to learning more about every issue. At some point these issues come to a head and we have to lead. It's not easy. There isn't going to be consensus on every issue. But I promise we will continue to encourage open-minded debate and continue to update you through this newsletter, emails, social media and our in person meetings. I truly appreciate everyone who gave me input both for and against these projects and hope to see everyone out in the neighborhood.

Garage Sale Weekend May 12-14th Spring Cleanup Day May 20th

**Mark your calendar!** 

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> Show Wagon July 16th, evening Elmwood Park

Dundee Day August 19th

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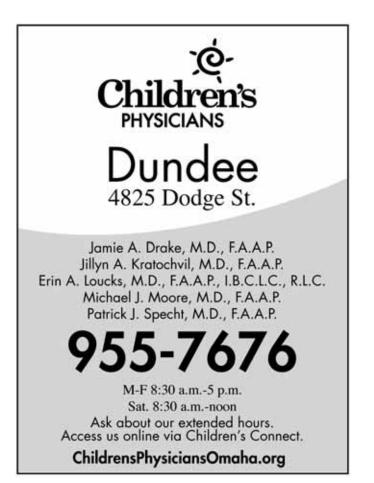
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The spring cleanup will be at the Elmwood Pool Parking lot this year. 606 S. Happy Hallow Blvd

Please enter west of pool at the frontage road. You will enter the parking lot from the north and exit south. This cleanup typically is very popular, and the trucks leave at 2:00p.m.. We hate to turn anyone away and had to last year due to popularity. There are multiple neighborhoods hosting cleanups on May 20th. You can find other locations and information on what is accepted and what is not. **Go to: www.keepomahabeautiful.org** 

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# Exciting Progress at the New Memorial Park Plaza

A new Plaza for the arts and community activities is approaching completion for the June 4th Celebration of the 75th Anniversary. This flexible and fully accessible new space is being constructed adjacent to the south side of the circular Storz Drive between the existing stairs. Adjacent walks are being replaced and a convenient drop off area leading directly to the Plaza level is added.

The Plaza is designed to reflect the dignity, respect and appreciation of not only those who served in WWII, but also those who have served thereafter, serve today and will serve us in the future decades. The architecture is simple and unobtrusive by design, emphasizing the gambit of activities for which it is a dignified platform.

The new 2,500 square foot concrete Plaza will offer a versatile, flat space to welcome public arts and gatherings to a diverse base of Veterans and community groups, inviting all ages, and hosting educational and youth leadership activities such as JROTC that enjoy the rich history of the Park and it's beautiful Monument to those who have given us the freedoms we enjoy today. Lighting for evening use and exhibits will be installed to enhance visiting displays and extend access to mixed types of activities at the Park. Electrical services for events is also being added.

The inaugural display of Seward Johnson's iconic sculpture "Embracing Peace" will follow arrival of this magnificent, 26' high bronze statue, an event in itself, on April 28th. This may seem like a proper sort of first dance for the next 75 years of the Park! The Statue will be in Omaha through November 15th.

Fundraising has commenced for the Plaza, welcoming a unique opportunity for all who choose to be a part of this long term investment in our Memorial Park and our community. Personal, honorary and business entity contributions are welcomed. We thank those who have already given, whether to join me as a Legacy partner of the Park or any other amount. Whatever we give honors what those whose names grace the Monument and their families have given long ago!

Contact Omaha Parks Foundation for information by visiting www.omahaparksfoundation.org









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# Dundee Day Book Sale

Start sorting your books now for the Dundee Day book sale. Books will be gathered prior to DDay by Mary Schleifer at her home, 417 S. Happy Hollow Blvd, at back door, under cover. If you have a large number please contact her first, msiatros@gmail.com or call or text

864-498-4420.

Last year \$2,158. was generated for the AV Sorensen branch library.



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## The Spring DMPA Garage Sale is Back!

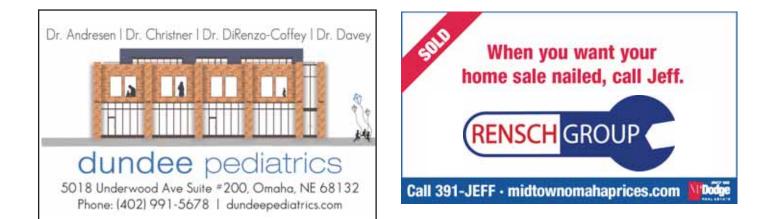
truly benefit!

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

The Annual Spring DMPA Garage Sale Is Coming Up! 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. DMPA is going back to just one garage sale per year, so get signed up soon.

> SIGN UP ONLINE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 28 AT www.dundee-memorialpark.org

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# Dundee Community Garden -- New Season Begins

### Dundee Community Garden: Spring Groundbreaking, Growing Tomatoes, Tomato Cage Sale, Preschool Story Time

Spring Groundbreaking: while cool season crops can be planted in April, in May we really get started with gardening at the Dundee Community Garden. We held our Spring Groundbreaking on Earth Day, April 22, and true to form, the weather on Earth Day was challenging —we woke up to snow flurries! —but nevertheless we had a great turn-out of garden members who worked to get our communal garden plots ready for planting. We have four garden plots designated for growing produce to donate to our neighbors at the Underwood Tower, and in addition we have a Neighbor Garden area along Underwood Ave. where anyone is welcome to help themselves to what is growing. These areas are now weeded and ready to plant, to keep our neighborhood supplied with produce!

How to Grow Tomatoes, Sat. May 13, 10-11 a.m. Tomatoes must be the favorite crop of home gardeners, as they are so much tastier than anything you can get at the grocery store. To that end, we are bringing back our popular "How to Grow Tomatoes" workshop. DCG's Master Gardener Rebecca Reagan will discuss selecting tomato plants, and how to plant, grow, support, and harvest tomatoes. This workshop is free and open to the public.

Tomato Cage Sale Sat. May 13, 10 -11:30 a.m. We'll be selling our much-loved hand-made tomato cages at the garden on May 13. We can honestly say these are the best tomato cages you can buy for your indeterminate (vining) tomatoes, and can be used year after year. Made from rebar, our tomato cages will contain your tomatoes and train them to grow vertically, saving you space in the garden. And if you attach a stake, these sturdy cages withstand the strong NE winds. Cages are \$20 each. For more information or to reserve a cage, e-mail us at info@DundeeGarden.org

Out and About Storytime, Wed. May 31, 10 a.m: join DCG and the Omaha Public Library for a storytime with stories, songs, and activities that celebrate plants and being in the garden. Storytime is the last Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m., April through September, rain or shine! Storytime is geared for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.













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"\$247,000 "	4703 Davenport	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,332"
"\$320,000 "	5115 California St	3	3	2	2.5 Story	"2,047"
"\$330,000 "	4829 Farnam St	4	3	2	2.5 Story	"2,864"
"\$340,000 "	711 N 50th St	5	4	0	2.5 Story	"2,811"
"\$386,000 "	626 S 67 St	3	2	2	1.0 Story	"2,847"
"\$415,000 "	305 S 57 Street	3	2	1	2 Story	"1,670"
"\$425,000 "	5111 California	4	4	2	Multi-Lvl	"3,320"
"\$432,000 "	310 S 56th Street	3	3	3	2 Story	"1,786"
"\$440,000 "	5119 Capitol Ave	6	4	1	2.5 Story	"2,808"
"\$453,000 "	663 N 57 Avenue	3	3	1	2 Story	"2,168"
"\$465,000 "	1001 N 67th Ave	4	3	2	R Ranch	"2,996"
"\$490,000 "	301 S 52 Street	4	4	2	2.5 Story	"3,162"
"\$780,000 "	609 N 66th Street	3	3	2	2 Story	"2,413"
"\$1,700,000	"700 Fairacres Rd	5	5	2	2 Story	"4,785"

Our thanks to Jerry and Raquel Ahlvers, The Ahlvers Group, Better Homes and Garden for providing this information.

# Show Wagon

On Sunday, July 16, the Omaha Mobile Stage will host Show Wagon, a youth talent show for ages 3 - 19, in Elmwood Park. Winners will advance to a Finals competition at Gene Leahy Mall in downtown Omaha on August 20. This event is sponsored by the Dundee-Memorial Park Association. All registered acts, ages 5+, are invited to the Omaha Community Playhouse for Youth Performing Arts Summer Camp on June 1 and July 18. Registration and events are free and open to the public. To register, visit www.omahamobilestage.org. For questions, contact Kaylea at Kaylea@livable.org.

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