



DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

MARCH 2012

Website Developer Opportunity

The Drake Neighborhood Association is actively seeking proposals from web site designers to redesign the Drake Neighborhood web site and create an association management system for our group. Please help us spread the word. We are taking proposals from freelancers and web design companies alike. This is a great way for you or someone you know to make a positive impact in the Drake Neighborhood.

For more information and specifics about the projects requirements and timeline email info@drakeneighborhood.org

Update on Sgt. Dave Mulford

Many of you have had an opportunity to meet and work with Sgt. Dave Mulford, a member of the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery (NBSD) Team that works in the Drake Neighborhood. Sgt. Mulford suffered a minor stroke in mid-January. Fortunately, we understand that the stroke has left him with no physical impairments. He will still require some rehabilitative therapy and hopes to return to work in a few months.

If you'd like to send a card to Sgt. Mulford, please mail it to him c/o Lt. Joseph Gonzales, DMPD, 25 East 1st Street, DM, 50309. The DMPD will collect the cards and deliver them to Sgt. Mulford.

During Sgt. Mulford's absence, you can contact one of the following two NBSD Officers regarding issues in the Drake neighborhood:

SPO Yanira (Janita) Scarlett, 202-8022, yscarlett@dmgov.org
Sgt. Bernell Edwards, 205-1312, bledwards@dmgov.org

Remember to also contact Eric Moore, Neighborhood Inspections Division (208-0303, elmoore@dmgov.org), regarding these issues as he is the best person to ensure coordination with the NBSD Team.

Sgt. Mulford is a tremendous asset to both the DMPD and our NBSD Team. Let's all hope for his complete and speedy recovery!

CALENDAR

Quarterly Meeting & Potluck

Monday, March 12
6:30 p.m.
Central Senior Center
2008 Forest Avenue

March Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 14
7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express
1140 24th Street

Rental Committee Meeting

Monday, March 26
7 p.m.
Central Senior Center
2008 Forest Avenue

Drake Relays

April 26-28

City of Des Moines

Free Flicks Night

June 2
Drake Park

LEARN MORE:

www.drakeneighborhood.org
info@drakeneighborhood.org
515.339.9768

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



The Cheese Shop

The Cheese Shop of Des Moines at The Shops at Roosevelt is run by the husband and wife team of CJ and Kari Bienert. They are supporters of the Drake Neighborhood, especially the community garden. The shop's motto is *Eat Better Cheese* and they have over 100 varieties from which to choose. You'll also find wines, craft beers, dried fruits, olives, pickled garlicks, and cured meats. Their focus is on what is available, but they are encouraged by guests' wishes and suggestions. They provide ever-changing, seasonal based products with a limited supply from local, regional and national artisans. So when you find something you like, purchase it - you may not know when it will be available again!

Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10am - 7pm
 Friday - Saturday: 10am - Close

Phone:

515-528-8181

Address:

833 42nd Street, Suite B
 The Shops at Roosevelt

Drake Neighborhood Rental Committee

A meeting of the Rental Committee will be held at 7:00 pm Monday, March 26, 2012 at the Polk County Senior Center. It is located at 2008 Forest Avenue, the same location of our March quarterly meeting.

The Rental Committee's goals will be to address the concerns of investor-owners, property owners, tenants and the Neighborhood Association. Some of these concerns include: the quality of the units and effect on property values, any negative perception rental properties bring to the neighborhood, downsizing properties to the original configurations keeping with historic preservation goals, and how to attract good tenants.

We will have members from the city government, Home, Inc., Landlords, property managers and owners and the DNA at the meeting. We are all affected by the rental properties in our neighborhood, so anyone that is interested please come to the meeting. Hope to see you all there.

-Kristina Johnson, Rental Community Committee

Home Tour Update

The Drake Neighborhood Association Board has decided not to have a Home Tour in 2012. Instead, we are focusing on the implementation of the city plan. We will be focusing on committees and sub-committees in order to accomplish our six month to one year goals. Don't worry! The Home Tour will be back in 2013. So get your houses ready and please consider volunteering.

Get Involved

Looking for a way to make a difference in your neighborhood? These committees are looking for help:

Beautification/Parks & Trails

Kevin Venhaus
 kcvenhaus@mchsi.com

Newsletter

Scott Johnson
 scott.johnson@meredith.com

Business Partners

Jennifer Sayers
 jen@bijougrafix.com

Website

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 KendallMDillon@gmail.com

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Neighborhood Plan Moves to Implementation Phase

After approval of the Drake Neighborhood Association's Neighborhood Plan in early 2011, the board spent much of the remainder of last year prioritizing the plan components and developing a committee structure. Given the complexity of the plan, we need the whole neighborhood's help to carry it out. In each newsletter, there will be notices about committee meetings that you can attend and what help you can provide. We'll need volunteers, chairs and co-chairs of committees in order to accomplish everything in this plan, so please consider getting involved. We need your help.

Become a Member

Is it time to renew your membership? Do you have a neighbor that's not yet a member? Fill out the form below and mail it with your check, payable to "Drake Neighborhood Association."

New Member **Renewal**

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Membership Level

Resident \$20.00

Business \$30.00

What are you interested in?

Parks & Beautification

Business Development

Website & Newsletter

Events & Volunteering

Please mail to:

Drake Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 41128

Des Moines, IA 50311



Neighborhood Based Service Delivery

The Drake Neighborhood is one of ten Des Moines neighborhoods that participate in the City's Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Program (NBSD). The program incorporates assets from all city departments in an effort to enhance the quality of services to the designated neighborhoods.

Individuals from several City departments - Police Department, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, Water Works, Public Works and Housing/Health & Zoning - work together as teams to assist the neighborhood in identifying and prioritizing concerns, planning a course of action and implementing a solution.

The NBSD team members most visible in the neighborhood are those from the Police Department and Housing/Health & Zoning. These team members are assigned SUVs or pickups with a distinctive blue and gold striping package and decals designating them as part of the Neighborhood Enforcement Team. The Neighborhood Enforcement Team members are on the street and available most weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please contact them if you have a crime-, zoning- or housing-related problem in your neighborhood. BUT, remember: In the event of a crime-related emergency ALWAYS first call 911!

Neighborhood Enforcement Team members for the Drake Neighborhood:

Sgt. Bernell Edwards
DM Police Department
(515) 205-1312
bledwards@dmgov.org

(East of 35th Street)
Eric Moore
Housing/Health & Zoning
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