



DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

MAY 2012

Drake Neighborhood Farmers Market

Opening day for this years Drake Neighborhood Farmers Market is Wednesday, June 6th. The market is held every Wednesday from 4-7 pm. (except the 4th of July) in the parking lot of First Christian Church at the corner of 25th & University.

Here are of some of this years returning vendors: **Shutt's Garden Center** brings gorgeous vegetables, herbs, fruit, and flowers to the market every week. **Ho-ho-ho** features adorable birdhouses, planters, & more. Stop by for lovely baskets and decorations for your garden. **Storybook Orchard** specializes in all kinds of fruit, including 65 varieties of apples and four different kinds of cherries. Stop by for juicy strawberries, blueberries, peaches, and vegetables too. **Uncle Kelsey's Gourmet Barbeque and Catering** offers handcrafted sauces and side dishes, barbeque ribs, pulled pork and beef brisket, smoked in apple, pecan, and hickory chips. **Luanna's Kitchen** has many different varieties of homemade cakes, cookies, and pies. **Bibbs** sells grinders, tenderloins, and catfish sandwiches, smoked pulled pork, brisket, and walking tacos. You can also stop by for some fried okra or a sweet treat. **Country Garden Rainbow Beads & Incense** offers 45 kinds of incense, unique water-absorbing beads in many colors to keep your cut flowers moist and looking great. This year, look for an all new line of homemade dog treats.



And some new ones: **Healthy Grains Bakery**, offering artisan breads like: Healthy White Bread with Flax, Deli Rye, and Nutty Goodness, as well as sweet treats. **Cookies & More**, selling fudge, nut breads, cookies of all kinds and farm fresh eggs. **Bosnian food by Joe**, including sarma (beef rolled in cabbage), sirnica (cheese pita), burek (beef pita), zeljanica (spinach pita), and chicken.

For more information, visit <http://www.drakefarmersmarket.com/>

CALENDAR

City of Des Moines Free Flicks Night
Saturday, June 2
Witmer Park

Greek Food Fair
Saturday, June 2nd, 11am-8pm
Sunday, June 3rd, 11am-5pm
Greek Orthodox Church
1110 35th Street

Drake Park Wading Pool Opens
Monday, June 4

Drake Farmers Market Opening Night
Wednesday, June 6th

Quarterly Meeting & Potluck
Wednesday, June 13
7:00 pm
First Christian Church
25th & University

City of Des Moines Free Flicks Night
Wednesday, July 25th
Drake Park

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Mars Cafe

We are very proud to have Mars Café in our neighborhood and a member of the Drake Neighborhood Association. Not only is it a great place to get a cup of joe, enjoy a great sandwich or work on the computer for awhile; they also are incredibly supportive of the Drake Neighborhood. A couple of weeks ago Habitat for Humanities “Rock The Block” was in the North-east section of our neighborhood sprucing it up a bit. The Drake Neighborhood Association Board thought it would be good to get involved and help out. We provided donuts and Mars Café was generous enough to provide coffee for all of the volunteers. Believe me, that Saturday morning was very chilly and everybody enjoyed the opportunity to warm up with one of their great blends. And don’t worry if you’re not a coffee aficionado, they have teas, sodas, juices, and if you’re really adventurous... wine and beer. Next time you’re on University, stop in and see what it’s all about. Don’t forget: if you can’t find a spot on the street, there is plenty of parking behind the building.

2318 University Ave. 369-6277
 Monday - Friday 6:30am - 10pm
 Saturday - Sunday 7:30am - 10pm

2nd Quarterly Meeting & Potluck

Join us Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm at the First Christian Church (25th & University) for a presentation from DART on Route 60. Implementation is planned for November. This new bi-directional loop service will serve 6th/7th Street in downtown, University Ave., 42nd St., Ingersoll Ave., and Grand Ave./ Locust St. Service will terminate at DART Central Station in downtown.

The meeting will be a potluck, so bring a dish to share with your neighbors. Beverages and table service will be provided. Stop by early and check out the Farmers Market before the meeting!

Free Tennis Lessons

The Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department will be offering free tennis lessons through the USTA NJTL program for children ages 9 to 14. The traveling instructional lessons require no pre-registration, simply show up five minutes before the lessons begin and your child may attend. The instructor will bring all the necessary equipment. Emphasis is on tennis as an introductory sport.

EK Davis Park at 1400 Forest
 June 6, 13, 20, 27. July 18, 25. August 1, 8

Tower Park at 50th & Hickman
 July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17

Ashby Park at 38th & Davison
 June 8, 15, 22. July 6, 13, 20

Lesson times are 1:00 - 1:55 for ages 9 to 11 and 2:00 - 2:55 for ages 12 to 14.

Questions? - call John at 237-1405.

Flowers from the City

Each year the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department’s greenhouse grows over 250,000 flowering annuals to distribute to community groups to beautify public spaces such as medians, street corners, and parkways. If you ordered flowers from Kevin Venhaus for this program you can pick them up at 1004 40th St. at noon on Saturday, May 19th. If you can’t make it on Saturday please call Kevin at 777-8031.

If you would like to plant flowers in a median or street corner near your house next year e-mail Kevin at kcvenhaus@mchsi.com.

Get Involved

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

Beautification/Parks & Trails
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DNA at the Relays



Neighborhood Association members Kristina Johnson and Deric Gourd paint the streets on Court Ave to celebrate the relays. Take a look in front of Court Avenue Brewing to see their work.



Several neighbors manned a water station at Kingman & 30th to cheer on the Drake Relays Half Marathon & 8K Road Race runners on Saturday morning.

Become a Member

Is it time to renew your membership? Do you have a neighbor is not a member yet? 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

Rock the Block

Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block on April 19-21 was a huge success. Retaining walls were built, problem trees trimmed, houses painted and more. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on those not so nice days! Along with the Anawim housing built in the past couple years and the new project going in at 21st & Forest there's a lot of good happening in the northeast corner of our neighborhood. Thank you Habitat for Humanity for making such an impact!



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