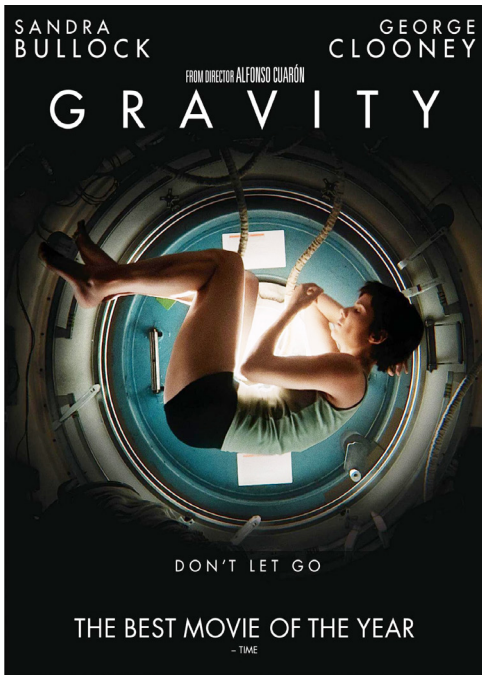




DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

Summer 2014



Free Flicks

Each summer, the City of Des Moines offers Free Flicks, a summer-long series of outdoor movie showings throughout the Des Moines area. The films are shown on a 25-foot portable screen and begin after sunset around 9:00 p.m. Admission is free, and blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. People are free to bring their own snacks, as concessions will not be provided for purchase. Movies will not take place in the event of rain; please continue to check the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation website, Facebook, and Twitter for updates. DNA will host Free Flicks on July 3rd, with a showing of Gravity at Witmer Park. For a full listing of movies, visit <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Parks/Pages/freeflicks.aspx>.

DNA Board Meetings

- July 9, 7:00 pm**
- August 13, 7:00 pm**
- September 10, 7:00 pm**
- October 8, 7:00 pm**

Monthly Board Meetings are now held at St. Catherine Student Center 1150 28th Street

Calendar

Free Flicks - GRAVITY
Thursday, July 3
Sunset
Witmer Park

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, August 5
6:00 pm
Drake Park Shelter

Drake Neighborhood Home & Garden Tour
Saturday & Sunday
13-14

DSMove- Open Street Event
Sunday, Sept 28
11:30 am-4:00 pm
University Ave from 23rd to 42nd

Farmers Market

LSI Global Greens' Farmers Market Lutheran Services in Iowa's Global Greens Program provides agricultural production and business courses to resettled refugee farmers who want to reconnect with the land. Nearly 30 refugee families garden at LSI's Global Greens farm in West Des Moines. The Global Greens' farmers will be selling fruits and vegetables to our first annual LSI Global Greens Farmers Market. The farmers market begins on Saturday, June 7th from 10:30 am to 2 pm. The market will be held in the Des Moines LSI parking lot, located at 3200 University Avenue. The farmers market will continue

every Saturday until September 27th. In addition to cash, the farmers market will be accepting EBT, WIC and Senior Vouchers. Bring your families as we will have activities for the children at our "Kids Korner". Cultural entertainment will be showcased on various dates throughout the farmers market season. Parking is available in our campus and on surrounding side streets. Join us on Saturdays and enjoy the plethora of produce. We hope to see you there! For more information please contact: Minah Yang Farm Marketing Specialist- Lutheran Services Global Greens (515) 271-7351 Minah.Yang@lsiowa.org

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Home Tour: Save the Date!

The Drake Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce our Home and Garden Tour that is scheduled for September 13 & 14, 2014. A committee of Drake Neighborhood residents has been busily planning the event including soliciting sponsorships, selling program advertising space and securing homes and gardens for the public to enjoy. The home tour is back from a two-year hiatus. This year the event will be slightly different from tours past as it includes both houses and gardens within the Drake Neighborhood and is later in the season to feature gardens with fall interest. Announcements about the event will be regularly featured on the Drake Neighborhood Association Facebook page and website (www.drakeneighborhood.org) and details including tour hours and ticketing outlets will be released closer to the tour date. We are excited to bring this event back to the residents of the Drake Neighborhood and the Des Moines area! If you are interested in having your home and/or garden on the tour, being a volunteer on the committee or on the weekend of the event, or in becoming a sponsor of the event, please contact Erica Luna at erica.j.luna@gmail.com. With your support we can make this tour a great success!



Kingman Gardens

If you've driven down Kingman Blvd the past few years, especially between 31st and 25th street, you will have noticed that a lot of the lawn grass has been slowly disappearing from the islands dividing the Blvd. and is being replaced with annuals and perennials. If you haven't noticed then you need to put the cell phone down and watch where you're going!!

The first question you might ask is what group is responsible for planting and maintaining these beds. That would be a group of one, Dr. Susan Guenther, a long time resident of the Drake Neighborhood. Sure, Susan has some helpers to plant and a few home owners who live along the Blvd who help out with watering. But the driving force behind all the work is Susan. She has created a series of small garden beds along the Blvd that are ringed with recycled bricks once part of a Drake Neighborhood street.

To keep the beds full of bloom every year Susan plants between 25-35 flats of annuals which she orders from the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department. The Department provides over 250,000 annuals to Des Moines neighborhoods to plant in public spaces for free.

Susan has started to add perennials to her flower beds. Some she has received by dividing perennials from Drake Neighborhood Association projects in the neighborhood, others she has received from garden centers like Des Moines Feed & Garden Shoppe who donated unsold tulip bulbs.

The next time you drive down Kingman between 31st and 25th and you see someone bent over planting or weeding slow down and say thanks.



Build a faith foundation at Workshop of Wonders Vacation Bible School.

For children 3 years through 5th grade.

July 13-17 from 5:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Dinner provided each night. \$15 per child with a maximum of \$35 per family. Contact Coreen Witke at coreenwitke@gracedesmoines.org

or 255-2131 ext. 230 or visit
www.gracedesmoines.org.

3700 Cottage Grove.



**Grace United
Methodist Church**



The DNA Archives

Last summer the DNA and Cowles Library at Drake University began a project to organize, digitize and appropriately store 35 years worth of Drake Neighborhood Association archives including meeting minutes, event programs, photographs and newspaper articles. The archives, which had been stored in plastic containers and were passed from one president to the next for a few decades, will be available to the public in spring of 2015. The project is nearing the final stage (ahead of schedule!) this summer due to the hard work of Drake University students and the Archives staff. When the archival activities are complete, the public will be able to use a finding aid to search the archive including many pieces that will be available in a digital format. They will also be able to arrange time to come to the Drake University Archives to interact with the pieces, including photos, videos and audio recordings, in person. An event to introduce the public to this resource is planned for spring 2015 and will feature a demonstration of how to use the finding aid and an exhibit of selected pieces from the archive. We are excited to make this rich resource available not just to Drake Neighborhood residents but to anyone with internet access. DNA is deeply grateful for the enthusiasm and commitment of Kathy Lincoln and Claudia Frazer at Cowles Library and the students involved in the project. We would not have this opportunity with them!

Thanks to our Gold Sponsor



DSMove Returns to University Avenue

The open streets event, DSMove, will be held Sunday, September 28, from 11:30am to 4pm. University Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic between 23rd and 42nd Streets.

DSMove promotes sustainability, health, local business and community-building activities. This second annual event will once again open University Avenue to kids of all ages and allows strolling, cycling, skate boarding, dancing and in-line skating. Activities will include live music, basketball, vendor booths, chalk drawings, as well as food and beverages provided by local eateries.

If you'd like to volunteer your time, provide a booth or activity, or become a financial partner, contact Jennifer Sayers at 515.681.2443 or jen@bijougrafix.com.

DNA Business Partner Program

The Drake Neighborhood Association Marketing Committee is looking for businesses to become partners and sponsor events throughout the year.

Businesses can become a partner in the program for as little as \$125 and can support the Drake Neighborhood Association for as little as \$50. Benefits increase with sponsorship levels and include things like company logo on marketing materials, Facebook posts and newsletter advertisements.

Please support our business partners:

Gold Partner:	Silver Partner:	Bronze Partner:
Drake University	Bijou Grafix	Vom Fass

Supporting Members:

Des Moines Community Playhouse	St. Catherine Student Center
DoStix	Schneider Auto
Grace United Methodist Church	

If you have an interest in becoming a partner or supporting member, contact Jennifer Sayers (jen@bijougrafix.com) or Kristina Johnson (kj4kristina.johnson@gmail.com) or visit our website: drakeneighborhoodassociation.org for more information.



NBSD Update

At our recent Quarterly meeting Drake's NBSD officer told us about a useful page online: www.crimemapping.com. You can type in an address and see crimes that were reported in the area. Sgt. McKinney warned people to be a little skeptical of the results—often firecrackers get reported as gunshots, for example—but that it can help you to know some of the things that are going on in your area. Also, he pointed out that the DMPD uses a complaint-based system for much of their work. If you make a complaint about a specific house where you suspect drug activity, somebody will come to check it out. For example, if you see a number of cars without license plates coming to a building near you, call it in. If you can get pictures, that's even better. All-in-all, it was an informative evening! Our next quarterly meeting will be National Night Out on August 5th.

Des Moines Rehabbers Club

Also at the March Quarterly meeting Kelly Lidon spoke about the Des Moines Rehabbers Club, founded in 2007. The mission of the organization is to promote the restoration of older and historic homes through education, support, and networking. They help people understand what buildings may need. If you appreciate or want to learn about rehabbing, you can currently join for free (though there will probably be a fee in the future). They focus on homes, but are also interested in businesses, churches, and so on. Kelly talked about how embracing older homes helps us connect our future with our past: cities are once again moving toward walkable communities with people demanding nearby amenities, front porches, social connections, and so on. As anyone in the Drake area knows, older neighborhoods do those things well. The club does a lot of hands-on workshops: for example, they had 20 people from around the state come to take a weekend-long class on how to rehab original wood windows. To learn more, check out www.ReovateDSM.org, where you will find a calendar of events open to the public and a schedule of monthly meetings. They also have a contractor list, articles, how-tos, and more. You can follow them on Facebook and they maintain an e-mail forum where you can get your questions answered quickly. Jason Stuyvesant, a Des Moines realtor who lives in the neighborhood, gave a presentation on improving your home's resale value. If you're selling an older home, he said that it is important to consider things that would speed the sale up, even if they don't increase the price, because a \$1000/month mortgage can cost a lot if it takes you a few extra months to sell. One rule of thumb: "If it's broke, fix it!" Keep this in mind if you have loose locks or door knobs, cracked windows, water damage, and so on. Remember that buyers can't get an FHA loan if the paint is peeling, and inspectors love to pick on things like older HVAC systems, even if they work fine. Buyers also like windows that work, so see if you can finally get those painted-shut windows to open! Also, many people expect things like driveways, garages, updated kitchens, and multiple bathrooms. Do be aware, though, that even high-visibility projects often only give a 40-60% return on investment, so the best time to make an improvement is now, while you can enjoy it, rather than right before you sell.

Neighborhood Issues? Call These Numbers

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. Make sure to contact them if you have a crime, suspicion, zoning or housing related problem in your neighborhood. Make sure to contact each member of the NBSD team, including the Drake Neighborhood Association NBSD Committee member by e-mail and/or phone. If you don't contact them, they may not know that there is a problem. Its e-mail address is nbsd@drakeneighborhood.org. Once you notify our entire team, the issue has a much better chance of being resolved. If we work together as neighbors and help our team out, everybody wins.

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team members for the Drake Neighborhood are:

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Housing Inspector
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Bill Cappuccio

NBSD Committee Chair
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Other Helpful Numbers

Police (Non-emergency): 283-4811
City Action Center: 283-4500
Animal Control: 242-2720
Graffiti Hotline: 283-4500
Weed Control: 286-3005

**In the event of a crime related
emergency ALWAYS first call 911!**