



**DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**Fall 2014**



**Drake Neighborhood Home & Garden Tour**

September 13 - 14 • 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day.  
Tour starts at Drake Alumni House 2700 University Ave.

On the weekend of September 13 and 14 the Drake Neighborhood Association will be sponsoring a Home and Garden Tour. The tour will highlight seven Drake neighborhood locations. Each location will offer an example of a beautiful fall garden, unique interior and exterior architecture design or both.

Advance tickets are on sale now (through Friday, September 12) and are available for \$10.00 each at the Grace Methodist Church office (3700 Cottage Grove Ave). Tickets can be purchased online by going to <http://www.gracedesmoines.org/> Click on activities then contribution and scroll down to Drake Home & Garden Tour. Type in \$10 for a single ticket or multiply the cost by how many tickets you need. Your name will be on a will-call list at the Drake Alumni House 2700 University Ave the weekend of the tour.

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**Calendar**

- Board Meetings**  
 September 10, 7:00 pm  
 October 8, 7:00 pm  
 November 12, 7:00 pm  
 December 10, 7:00 pm  
 January 14, 7:00 pm

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

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

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

**QUARTERLY MEETING & HOLIDAY POTLUCK**

Wednesday,  
December 10  
6 pm  
St. Catherine Student Center

**Get Involved!**

The DNA is looking for 2 new neighbors to join our board. Contact Kristina Johnson at [kj4kristina.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:kj4kristina.johnson@gmail.com) for more info.

[www.drakeneighborhood.org](http://www.drakeneighborhood.org)

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## Two Naked Ladies Found in Garage

by Kevin Venhaus

Holy cow! Was I surprised to find two naked ladies in my garage the other day. I went into the garage to get a bucket, and there they were - two blooming Naked Ladies aka Surprise Lily/ August Lily/ Magic Lily/ Resurrection Lily in the far corner.

These bulbs are ones that I dug up last spring after the foliage had died back. Carole and I have plenty of them so I tried to give them away. Had no takers so I put them in the garage thinking I was just going to add them to my compost later on. Well, I forgot all about them until the first part of August when they lived up to their name-Surprise Lily.

If you'd like an easy to grow bulb that grows in almost any soil condition and multiplies easily this is what you should get. The foliage comes up in spring and looks like daffodil foliage. It dies completely back and in early to mid August you will be surprised to find a tall stem with pink blooms in your garden (or messy garage.)

## Free Drake University Events Passes Coming Soon

Drake University invites you to be their guest to athletic and fine art events, guest lectures and more! Keep your eye out for the 2014-2015 Community Events Pass to be mailed the week of September 1st. Your 2013-2014 pass will still be honored at the ticket office until your new pass arrives. New this year, pass holders will need to record their address with the ticket office each time they redeem tickets. If you have questions about the pass or your mailbox got missed, please contact Renee Sedlacek, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, at [renee.sedlacek@drake.edu](mailto:renee.sedlacek@drake.edu) or 271-2454.



Look for this in your mailbox!

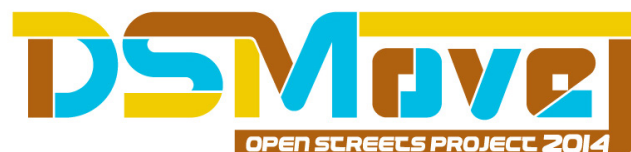
## DSMove is On the Move!

Posters and T-Shirts are going to press, the site map is being drawn up and media appearances are getting scheduled. University Avenue from 23rd to 41st is scheduled to close at 12:00pm and re-open at 4:00pm on Sunday, September 28. The event runs from Noon-4pm. A myriad of vendors are planning their booths, events and activities for your afternoon of car-free fun.

First Christian Church and Jethro's BBQ have signed on as financial sponsors for the event and their support is much appreciated! Drake University is busy planning a wide range of activities and Grace United Methodist Church has been hosting committee meetings. A big thank you to all those involved!

Come pet the miniature ponies of Shangralla Horse and Animal Rescue, play a pick up game of basketball, check out several bike shops' rides, listen to live music, purchase a snack at the bake sale, draw on the street with sidewalk chalk, create some art, toss a frisbee with friends or sit down at a piano and play a few tunes. These and many more events and activities are being planned now.

Plan to join your neighbors for an old-fashioned walk, skate or bike ride down University Avenue, as we take back the street!





## 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:

<b>Gold Partner:</b>	<b>Silver Partner:</b>	<b>Bronze Partner:</b>
Drake University	Bijou Grafix	Vom Fass

### Supporting Members:

Des Moines Community Playhouse • DoStix  
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.

## St. Catherine's is a Well-Kept Secret

Built on the corner of 28th and University in 1997, St. Catherine's of Siena serves Drake University students, Drake Neighborhood residents and people from all over the Des Moines metro.

Before the building was constructed, students met at various locations on the Drake campus. Funding for the Catholic Church and Student Center was spearheaded by Drake University and the building is located on property owned by Drake University. While the University owns the property, they do not own the building, which makes it a true partnership. "It's a great relationship," said Sara Foster, office manager. Fr. Mark Owusu is Pastor at St. Kate's, as it is affectionately referred to.

St. Catherine's is a recognized student organization and a home away from home for students. A leadership team is elected and a service project planned each year. Fellowship socials and student dinners are held, in addition to classes, lectures and conferences. They have also been extremely generous to let the Drake Neighborhood Association use their facilities for monthly board meetings.

While the core and focus of St. Catherine's are the Drake students, the congregation also includes around 130 families, mainly from the Drake Neighborhood. "Most people don't know we serve others in addition to the students," said Foster. This non-student faith community enjoys social outings such as I-Cubs games, Drake Relays festivities and football games. Outside speakers are brought in, lectures held and an annual healthcare conference is hosted at St. Kate's. Several times each year the student center holds concerts with choirs and local bands. These events are free and open to the public.

For additional information and Mass and Confession times, go to **stcatherinedrake.org**.

## 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:

### Mark McKinney

Des Moines Police Department/NBSD  
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### Chris Reindl

Housing Inspector  
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### Bill Cappuccio

NBSD Committee Chair  
(515) 710-7591  
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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!**