

2003 DRAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

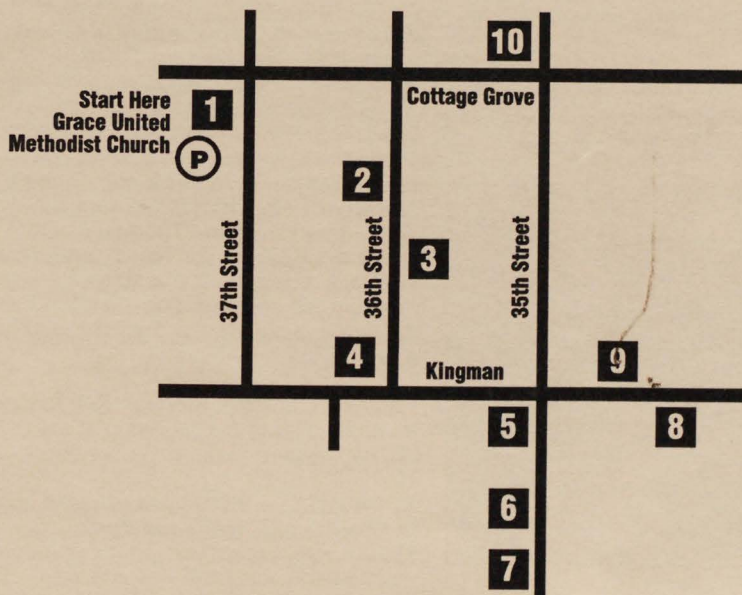
HISTORIC HOME TOUR

MAY 31 &
JUNE 1 11 AM - 5 PM

Featuring the Kingman Boulevard Area

Welcome to the 2003 Drake Historic Home Tour which showcases gracious early-20th-century homes on Kingman Boulevard and nearby tree-lined streets. All proceeds from the tour benefit the Drake Neighborhood Association. Since its founding in 1979, the nonprofit DNA has worked to improve the community through events such as the Drake Historic Home Tour. Current projects include the Kingman Boulevard beautification effort.

The tour begins at 3700 Cottage Grove, site of Grace United Methodist Church. There is a bake sale and refreshment stop at the Thoreau Center (stop #5). *Enjoy your stroll through our historic neighborhood.*



Taking the tour

Welcome to the Drake Neighborhood. On this self-guided walking tour, you may visit the homes in any order. The route is very manageable to walk, but you may also drive if you choose.

You will find helpful hosts and volunteers along the tour route. They will do their best to answer your questions. Please present this brochure at each stop as your ticket. Please no drinking, smoking or taking photographs inside the tour locations. Restroom facilities are available at Grace United Methodist Church or the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. No restrooms in private home will be open for use.

Other neighborhood activities:

Greek Food Fair

Sunday, June 1

Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, 35th and Cottage Grove
\$10 advance/\$11 at the door

Meals are served from
11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Show your house tour program or ticket for a \$1 discount

Drake Farmer's Market

Starts June 4, 2003

Every Wednesday, 4 - 7 p.m.

First Christian Church Parking lot,
25th and University

The Drake Neighborhood Association

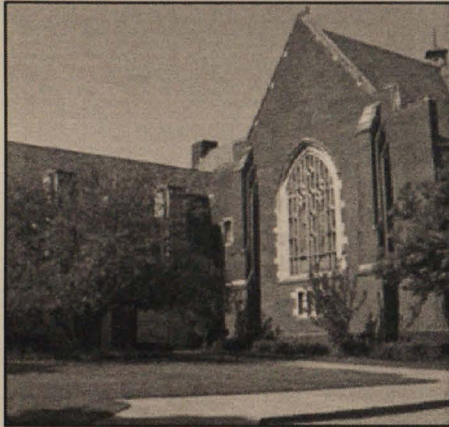
Since 1979, the Drake Neighborhood Association has served the area bounded by 42nd Street and MLK Parkway, and I-235 and Franklin Avenue.

The association works to preserve the historic elements and quality of life that make the neighborhood unique. For more information about the neighborhood, call 271-4663 or visit www.drakeneighborhood.org

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2003 Tour Locations



1. The tour begins at 3700 Cottage Grove, site of Grace United Methodist Church. Wander through this expansive church and imagine the impact of its upcoming multimillion-dollar capital campaign. The church is currently pursuing a National Register nomination, in part based on its Gothic architecture, designed by the noted Des Moines firm Vorse, Kraetsch and Kraetsch. Prior to the church's construction in 1927, Vice President Henry A. Wallace grew up in a house located at this site.

As you leave the church, walk east on Cottage Grove to 36th Street. Turn right towards the second stop on the tour. Look for the inviting front porch and handsome birch in the front yard.



2. 1072 - 36th Street, home of **Chris and Jill Heilskov,** was first occupied in 1911 by Francis Ireland, who likely built this traditional foursquare from a kit, available at the time for about \$2,000. Note the distinctive simple box shape and four-room floor plan with center dormer and full-width front porch. Original milk glass light fixtures in the living room

complement completely refinished original wood floors. The kitchen addition was added in the early 1990s and was remodeled again earlier this spring.



3. 1061 - 36th Street, home of **Julie (Jul-s) Bruns,** is a charming 1914 cottage with Colonial Revival and Craftsman style influences, filled with whimsical, decorating ideas. Built by attorney Charles F. Maxwell, Julie is just the seventh owner in the home's 92-year history. You'll have the opportunity to hear first-hand the "how to's" behind the imaginative and inexpensive decorating touches. Be sure to sample bread from nearby Great Harvest bakery. Don't miss the hosta garden in front - a creative solution to a once-muddy front yard where mature shade trees prevented grass from growing.

Leaving the Bruns home, continue south on 36th to Kingman. Make a slight jog west on Kingman to the next stop.



4. 3609 Kingman is the home of **Brian Lenz and Viki Cameron.** This two-story Craftsman stucco features a

completely remodeled kitchen with stone floor and backsplash, new windows overlooking the landscaped backyard, and custom cabinetry. The watercolors and scratchboard drawings throughout the home are originals by Viki Cameron, one of the owners. Don't miss the gardens - including a rose garden, English formal garden, and Italian-style fountain.

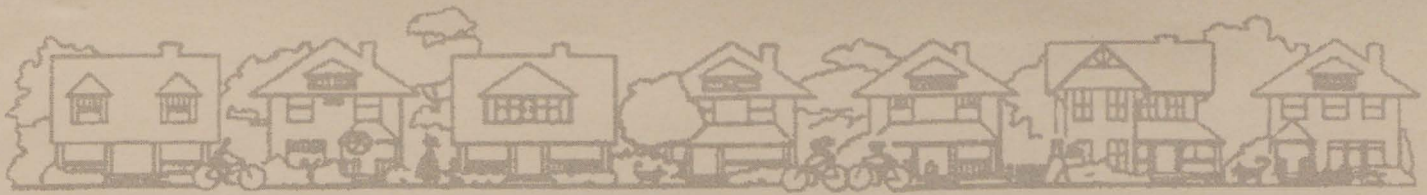
As you leave the Lenz/Cameron home, cross over to the south side of Kingman, head east and continue to The Thoreau Center at 35th and Kingman.



5. The Thoreau Center, 3500 Kingman. This gracious home was built in the 1924 in the Spanish Colonial Revival style, also known as Spanish Eclectic - an architectural style rarely found outside of southwestern states and Florida. The style borrows decorative details from the entire history of Spanish architecture: note the dramatic front entrance, romantic balcony, and original tile roof. This house has a connection to Grace United Methodist Church - in the 1960s it was the residence of Methodist Bishop James S. Thomas, one of the first African American bishops in the country. Today it serves as the Thoreau Center and is available for community and private events. Unfortunately, due to recent water damage, the center will not be open for the tour. Please stop by the front yard for a rest and/or refreshments.

After you leave the Thoreau Center, turn south on 35th to the next stop. It's a duplex; be sure to enter the correct door!

6. 940-1/2 - 35th Street is the home of **Stephanie Taff and Jim Musgrave.** Unlike many neighborhood multi-family properties, this one was originally built as a duplex in 1922. Completely remodeled in the mid 1990s, the landlord has retained the original

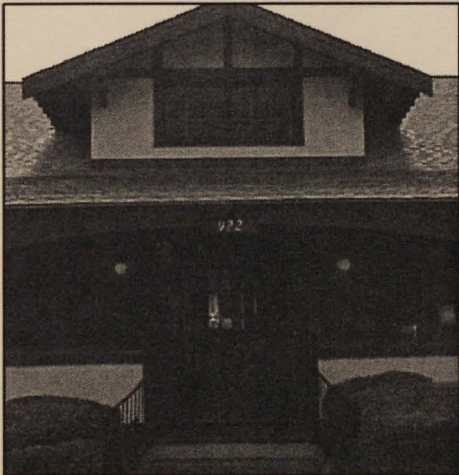


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fireplace and much of the original window woodwork while updating the dwelling throughout.

The next stop is just half a block south on 35th Street.



7. 922 - 35th Street, the home of **Dave and Kathy Dorff**, is a story-and-a-half bungalow home built in 1920. A distinctively arched enclosed front porch, original woodwork, beveled-glass doors, and extensive built-in bookshelves are special highlights here. The kitchen was remodeled in 1997 and the basement has been completely updated to include a family room, additional bathroom, and business office. The property was part of Knox Place subdivision named after the Knox mansion once located nearby. The dormer window on the second floor is double width for a reason - due to the tight turn on the stairway, upstairs furniture must be moved in and out of the window and over the roof.

As you leave the Dorff home, head back north on 35th and turn right on Kingman. The next stop is on the south side of Kingman.



8. 3400 Kingman, a stately gray and white stucco home on the south side of the street, is the residence of **Bruce Gillaspie** and the second duplex on our tour. The Craftsman-style home was built originally as a duplex. The main floor, Gillaspie's residence, will be open for the tour. Since purchasing the home four years ago, Gillaspie has done extensive renovation including new roof, stucco, windows, plumbing, heating, electrical, and plaster work. He has also updated the kitchen, bathroom, landscaping and porch.

Leaving the Gillaspie home, cross Kingman and locate your next stop just a few houses to the west.



9. 3417 Kingman, **Randy Buikema's** home, is a light green bungalow on the north side of Kingman just east of 35th. This home was built in 1916 and was the original home of Sec Taylor. Buikema has done extensive renovation. An archway created in the living room leads to the converted bedroom that now serves as a den. In the living room, bookshelf doors were constructed to replace originals that were missing. The kitchen has been remodeled

to create a larger space than the previous galley style. The downstairs bathroom has been restored to its original state, complete with clawfoot tub. The attic has been renovated into a master suite.

Leaving this stop, turn right and head back north on 35th Street to the last stop on the tour.



10. The Greek Orthodox Church of St. George, 35th St. and Cottage Grove Ave., was listed on the National Register in 1996, in part for its distinctive Greek Revival architecture, designed by the noted Des Moines firm Proudfoot and Bird. Vice President Henry A. Wallace's father served on the 1906 building committee of Elmwood Presbyterian Church, which became the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George in 1930. The Wallace family's stained-glass window still shines in the church. Guided tours of the beautiful church will be available. The parish is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

If you're on the tour on Sunday, stay to enjoy the **Greek Food Fair** as it celebrates its 25th anniversary June 1. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost of a meal is \$11 at the door. **Get \$1 off the price of admission with this program.** Meals will be served indoors and outdoors under tents, where Greek music, dancing, food demonstrations, and more will be offered.

To return to Grace Church, simply walk two blocks west on Cottage Grove; the Grace Church will be on your left.

We hope you enjoyed the 2003 Drake Historic Home Tour. Thank you for supporting the Drake Neighborhood Association.


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