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Letter From the President

John Ashford Johnnyash5@gmail.com

Hi Neighbor!

It came to the attention of the city council that our name, Dundee, is made up of two parts the common Celtic place-name element *dun*, meaning fort; and a second part that may derive from a Celtic element, cognate with the Gaelic *dè*, meaning 'fire'. Because "fort" and "fire" are words of violence, it is with a heavy heart that I am here to announce that Omaha's first suburb will be renamed Cinnamon Meadows. In accordance, the Dundee Memorial Park Association will now be called the Cinnamon Meadows Association. We will monitor businesses like the Dundee Dell and cities such as Dundee, Scotland to see if they follow suit.

In other Cinnamon Meadows news, we will be removing all the historic lamp posts and replacing them with modern LED poles to maximize brightness and deter crime. Also, because the new poles will not support flower baskets, we have suspended the flower basket campaign and will instead sew decorative rugs around the polls. This will be done by the newly formed Cinnamon Meadows Sewing Club!

Progress has been swift on Cinnamon Meadows Day this year with a record amount of vendors! Cinnamon Meadows bank will continue to support our annual fundraiser, which has traditionally been a used book sale, but this year we are taking donations of fresh fish, fruits and vegetables that will be stored in the lobby of the bank starting now and will be sold to you in August! If you have time, swing by the Cinnamon Meadows Community Garden. This year we will be celebrating the garden with our "Make Our Neighborhood Stinky Again" and will plant corpse flowers, skunk cabbages and dead horse lilies (editors note - these are all real!).

We feel great pride here at the Cinnamon Meadows Association for purging a dark chapter in our neighborhood's history and look forward to creating a new safe space where we can all live happily without the stain of our previous name. Although we don't have cinnamon nor meadows, it is the spirit of these spices and empty fields with native growth that will inspire future generations in our community!

Happy April Fools Day,
John



Next DMPA Meeting May 13th

Speakers: Crossroads Development

Location and times:
Brownell Talbot School
400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd
7:00 pm Meeting
Bring a friend or two.

Meetings will now be held
quarterly
the second Monday
of the month.

Inside:

- Garage Sale Weekend
May 10-12th
- Dundee Landscape Renovation
- Coommity Garden
- Judith Welk
- and More

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Through the Eyes of Judith Welk

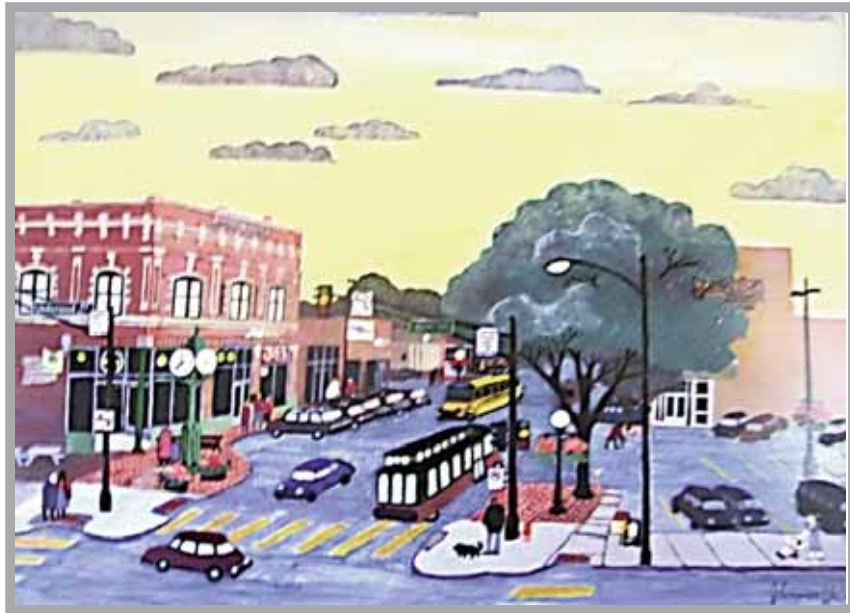
Judith Welk saw beauty in the things around her; and she found inspiration in Dundee's streets, buildings, and parks.

Born in Cincinnati, Judith Welk was a Dundee resident for 40 years. Her paintings portrayed the lives, people and places of Dundee. Judith's work has shown in countless exhibits and resides in several collections, including the Dundee Presbyterian Church, where she was an active member.

Judith admitted to feeling lonely and depressed when the Welk's relocated to Omaha; but she found comfort and inspiration in the beauty of her Dundee surroundings. She produced hundreds of paintings and serigraphs over the years. Many of her landscapes, portraits, and still life works centered on familiar Dundee landmarks.

Judith Welk, Dundee's resident artist for 40 years, passed away in 2019 at age 79 in her Dundee home. Judith was married to Bob Welk for 57 years. Bob is a past president of the Dundee Memorial Park Association.

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The Annual DMPA Garage Sale is Back!

**Friday, May 10
Saturday, May 11
Sunday, May 12**

The 2024 DMPA Garage Sale Is Coming Up! And it will be here before you know it. Start going through your closets, storage room, attic, garage and wherever else you have stashed all those goodies. All Dundee-Memorial Park Association members whose memberships are current are eligible to participate. You decide which dates to have your sale and set your own hours. The Association will promote the event with yard signs, advertising and a complete listing of sale locations on our website.

SIGN UP ONLINE BY TUESDAY, APRIL 30 AT
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Vegetable

Weeks Before Last Frost Date

Date to plant

Start indoors and transfer outdoors after last frost (These plants are tender)

Chives; Globe Artichoke; Leeks; Onions;	12	Feb 20th
Celery;	10	March 6th
Eggplant; Peppers; Tomatillo; Tomatoes;	8	March 20th
Broccoli; Cabbage; Cauliflower;	6	April 3rd
Cucumbers; Melons; Okra; Pumpkins; Squash;	3	April 24th

Direct Seed in garden before last frost (These plants are hardy)

Weeks before last frost date

Onion Sets; Seed Potatoes;	6	April 3
Kale; Kohlrabi; Spinach; Turnips; Mustard;	5	April 10th
Beets; Carrots; Chinese Cabbage; Endive; Peas (English); Radish;	4	April 21st
Lettuce (all types); Swiss Chard;	2	April 28th

Direct seed in garden after last frost (Tender)

Weeks after last frost date

Beans; Celeriac; Cowpeas;	1-2	May 6- April 28th
Corn; Muskmelon; Watermelon; Okra;	2	April 28th
Pumpkins; Squash;	2	April 28th

J.N.H. Patrick's Automobile Torpedo

Jim McGee

A teacher, lawyer, editor, soldier, businessman, J.N.H. Patrick was one of the pioneers of territorial Nebraska. In 1856, Patrick toured the West and selected Omaha as his home. He built a house at 1618 Davenport where he lived until 1871 when he built his first home on the site of Happy Hollow. He then went to Salt Lake City and made a fortune in mining.

He was one of Omaha's earliest settlers and served as a member of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Territorial Legislatures. When a legislative battle ensued from 1854-1867 over the location of the state capital. Patrick offered an amendment requiring the new capital be named "Lincoln" in honor of the war time President. Residents south of the Platte wanted the capital moved from Omaha under threat of joining Kansas. Both the name "Lincoln" and the move to Lancaster were approved.

In 1888, Patrick purchased and developed the automobile torpedo invented by W.W. Wood in 1884. The automobile torpedo was intended to destroy the enemy using chemicals to propel the weapon and electricity to guide it from up to 1,000 yards. Besides Patrick, other developers working on remotely controlled torpedoes.

Patrick struck a bonanza with his 47-foot long, 22-inch-diameter copper torpedo. It was the talk in military circles in 1890. The advanced weapon consisted of a 53-foot long, 15-inch diameter float and a submerged boat powered by chemicals and guided from shore by electricity. The float kept the torpedo three feet beneath the surface. The weapon was said to be the best offered to any navy and practically impervious to attack from guns.

At the front end, the 6-foot chamber held 400 pounds of dynamite. After this was the stopping and starting apparatus and the heating chamber. Carbonic acid gas fueled the engine. The acid was drawn from a flask through copper pipes and converted to gas by intense heat. As the gas expanded the heat increased and the speed of the torpedo increases. The torpedo was controlled by electricity from a small battery. The torpedo could be steered between two ships 25-feet apart from a mile and a half away. The 100 horse power engine propelled the torpedo at speeds faster than any ship afloat, up to 25 knots per hour. America's fastest warship at the time, the Philadelphia, went up to about 20 knots. Patrick sold three torpedoes to the U.S. government for \$20,000 each for experimental purposes and France bought one.

Spring Cleanup

May 11th

Elmwood Park Swimming Pool

9 am - 2 pm

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Dundee Community Garden: Tuesday Gardening Sessions, Do Good Days, and OPL Storytime

Hello from the Dundee Community Garden! We're excited as we get ready for our 15th gardening season in Dundee. We've repaired our raised beds, and will host our spring groundbreaking later this month, on April 20. Good chance we'll be ready to start planting our cool season crops by then!

We've got several opportunities for our neighbors to be involved with DCG:

*Help us during our Tuesday morning community gardening sessions, first and third Tuesday of the month, starting April 16, 9-10 a.m. We invite anyone who likes to get their hands in the dirt to join us for weeding and other garden maintenance as we work to keep the flower beds around the perimeter of the garden looking lovely and welcoming for the neighborhood. Come twice a month, or just whenever you find you're available on a Tuesday morning—we'd love to see you!

*Donate to the Dundee Community Garden during our Share Omaha fundraising during Do Good Days, April 24-27. Your donations are essential to keep the garden growing and making weekly donations to our neighbors, and providing our help-yourself garden area where anyone can harvest whatever is in season. You can donate through our website at <https://www.dundee garden.org/> or through the Share Omaha platform at <https://shareomaha.org/>

*Attend the Omaha Public Library's Out & About Storytime, Wed. April 24, 10-10:30 at the DCG. Storytime is geared towards preschoolers, but all ages are welcome, rain or shine. You may want to bring a blanket to sit on. OPL Storytimes will be held at DCG the last Wed. of the month, April- June.

We plan to have a complete listing of our DCG summer events in next month's newsletter—you can look forward to free workshops on growing tomatoes, permaculture, making fermented sauces, and more. In the meantime, you are always welcome to spend some time at the garden—there's lots to look at, our picnic tables are a nice place for a picnic lunch or coffee chat, and our flower beds are a great place to look for insects. We hope to see you at the garden!

Mary Green



Dundee Landscaping Renovation 2024

Hello, Neighbors!

With spring in full swing, according to the calendar, I want to share with you an update on the re-landscape project for the business district. Ten years ago, when the whole street was redone – new utility and sewer lines, all new paving etc., a variety of species of trees were planted and they are all healthy and, apparently, happy. The smaller plants, however, have not fared so well. Following the “perennial, lower maintenance” principles, we have a design that will provide a wide variety of colors, textures, heights, and pollinator opportunities. (See images in this newsletter.)

We are raising funds to make this a reality. With over \$88,000 of the \$125,000 project cost already committed, thanks in large part to a \$62,500 challenge grant, about 40 neighbors’ contributions and several small grant applications pending we are well on our way. Our timing, however, is short. We want to reserve the plants this spring for planting in the fall, meaning we have to step up our efforts a bit and ask for more donations. You may donate to the project through the DMPA website, clicking on “donate” and designating the landscape project.

visit: <https://www.dundee-memorialpark.org/donate> (See last month’s newsletter for a more detailed description of the project.)

With several new businesses opening along Underwood, let’s spruce up the street and make it a visual delight! We are Dundee, we can do this!

Thank you for your support, Molly Romero

Photos courtesy of Kinghorn Gardens



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Sold Price	Address	Br	B	G	Style	Sq
"\$170,000 "	4907 Davenport	1	1	1	Uncategorized	827
"\$260,000 "	4862 Harney St	3	2	2	2 Story	"1,503"
"\$260,000 "	5612 Jackson St	3	2	1	2 Story	"1,566"
"\$275,000 "	5019 Izard Street	3	2	1	1.5 Story	"1,201"
"\$325,000 "	537 S 51 Street	3	2	1	2.5 Story	"1,998"
"\$332,475 "	119 S 50 Avenue	3	2	2	2 Story	"1,518"
"\$365,000 "	5616 Leavenworth	2	2	2	2.5 Story	"2,198"
"\$410,000 "	814 N 47th St	6	4	0	2 Story	"2,916"
"\$415,000 "	5006 Cuming St	4	4	0	1.5 Story	"2,911"
"\$450,000 "	5016 Davenport	3	2	1	2.5 Story	"2,496"
"\$475,000 "	5115 Underwood	3	2	2	2.5 Story	"2,344"
"\$485,000 "	450 N 61st Street	3	3	1	2 Story	"2,900"
"\$225,000 "	4821 Cuming St	3	1	0	2 Story	"1,457"
"\$279,000 "	4858 Harney St	3	1	1	2 Story	"1,248"
"\$325,000 "	312 S 49th Ave	4	2	2	1.5 Story	"1,774"
"\$330,000 "	5010 Burt Street	2	2	0	1.5 Story	"1,432"
"\$360,000 "	6437 Glenwood R	3	3	2	1.0 Story	"2,295"
"\$395,000 "	4917 Burt St	4	2	2	2 Story	"1,650"
"\$455,000 "	850 Parkwood Ln	4	3	2	Multi-Lvl	"1,664"
"\$485,000 "	450 N 61st Street	3	3	1	2 Story	"2,900"
"\$525,000 "	505 S 53rd Street	5	5	2	2.5 Story	"3,907"
"\$640,000 "	5115 California St	4	4	2	2.5 Story	"2,574"
"\$808,500 "	705 Sunset Trail	5	3	2	1.0 Story	"4,578"
"\$1,050,000 "	5308 Cuming St	5	5	2	2.5 Story	"4,216"
"\$1,590,000 "	410 Fairacres Rd	4	4	2	2 Story	"4,436"

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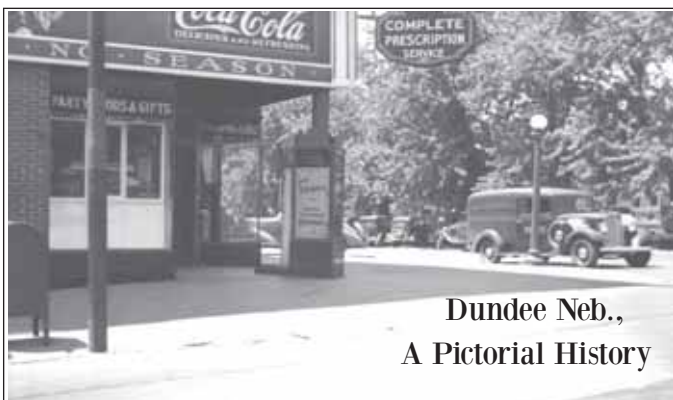
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