

# UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Fall General Meeting

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Union Park Baptist Church 821 Arthur AVE

The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 PM at the Union Park Baptist Church, 821 Arthur AVE. We are planning on four guest speakers.

David Jahn, the City Arborist, will provide information about the tree and forest program for our area. Stephanie Jutila, President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden will talk about happenings and updates at the Botanical Center. City Councilman Bob Mahaffey for our Ward 2 will speak to various topics of interest to us. Lucas Casey from Grand View University will tell us about the new and exciting things going on at GUV. Susan Kuker is with the Heritage Carousel, and although the Carousel season is over, it is available for private rentals through November. She will recap the successful season at the Carousel this year and talk about future events at the Carousel.

Also on the agenda will be an update on the year's accomplishments and election of officers. We will have cookies. The Union Park Baptist Church is located at the SW corner of East 8th and Arthur.

The parking lot and entrance to the sanctuary are on the south side of the church. The door is at the top of the cement ramp. For maps & directions to the Union Park Baptist Church, go to <http://www.upbcdesmoines.com>

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## Des Moines Historical Society Centennial Certificate Program

One hundred years is a long time. And in each passing day is a reminder that our history is growing and changing and, oftentimes, forgotten. The Des Moines Historical Society (DMHS) wants to make sure Des Moines' history isn't lost.

In response to a need for greater recognition and acknowledgement of Des Moines history, DMHS is starting the "Centennial Certificate" program.

Through Des Moines' 58 neighbor-

hood associations, DMHS is working to document businesses, organizations, people, homes and buildings that are 100 years old or older. Each honoree will receive a complimentary framed Centennial Certificate recognizing their contribution to the history of Des Moines during special public presentations throughout the year, many in conjunction with Neighborhood Association meetings. Homeowner honorees may also choose to purchase a bronze plaque in recognition of their home's his-

torical significance to Des Moines.

If you have information on a business, organization, person, home or building that has surpassed the century mark, please visit [www.desmoineshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.desmoineshistoricalsociety.org) for complete guidelines and submission form or contact DMHS Board Member Laurance Tovrea, [LTovrea@desmoineshistoricalsociety.org](mailto:LTovrea@desmoineshistoricalsociety.org), (515) 255-2705 (daytime).

*By Sarah Oltrogge, DMHS President*

## The Sixth Jazz Concert in the Union Park Neighborhood

Jazz In July was once again held in Union Park, this year on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a perfect day in the park. A special thanks to Marsha Steele for organizing the event and volunteers Doug Reed, Julie Ervin, Carolyn and Dan Rogers and Paul Cole. The refreshments, lemonade and water were cold, the cookies were fresh, and the ice cream was cold and yummy.

The Heritage Carousel provided free rides during the two hours of the event thanks to the generosity of U.S. Bank. About 141 people attended which was a really good attendance. The great music was provided by Betsy Hickok and the Standards. Earlier in the morning, five classical guitars performed Guitars in the Gardens in the south part of Union Park. About 40 people attended that event.

Children enjoyed the Rocket Slide and other playground equipment as well as the wading pool.

This event was sponsored by the Union Park Neighborhood Association and was a part of the Metro Arts Alliance' month long series of jazz concerts throughout greater Des Moines.

## Cruise to the Carousel

The 12th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel" took place Sunday, August 26th and it was BIG! Over 180 beautiful cars were registered. Proceeds from the show support the Carousel! Thank you to all who supported the show by organizing, entering, donating to the event and/or attending. The Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel! Over 1500 free Carousel rides were taken during the show! Thank you Rollin' Relics Car Club for a Great Show! For more photos from the 2012 show,

[www.heritagecarousel.org](http://www.heritagecarousel.org) Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored a \$50 award again this year and it was the "best show ever" based on number of registered cars according to Steve Klinkefus, member of Rollin Relics and organizer of the show.



**Congratulations to Kent Gatzmeyer, recipient of the "Carousel Choice Award"! Kent, from Des Moines, is owner of a 1959 NSU Prinz II.**

## UPNA

### Meeting Invitation

The Union Park Neighborhood Association holds a Spring and Fall General Meeting. We also have monthly steering committee meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Meetings start at 7:00 pm at Grand View University in the Humphrey Center ("Old Main") on the 2nd floor. These are all open meetings and any neighborhood resident is welcome to attend. The more of us that can get involved the better, so consider this your invitation to attend any meeting. If you can't make it to every meeting that's ok but we would love to have you come whenever you can. Everyone's input is welcome, whether you would like to help with a special event or project or just come to meet your neighbors. UPNA is accomplishing more each year so the more people that are involved the more good we can do!

## VOTE EARLY – IT'S EASY!

### Early Voting Begins September 27<sup>th</sup>

You have several options to get your vote in early.

**1. Vote at the Polk County Election Office 120 Second Ave., Suite A.** Early Voting Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information call (515) 286-3247 or email [elec-tion@polkcountyiowa.gov/](mailto:elec-tion@polkcountyiowa.gov/) Click on this link for [Informational Flyer](#)

**2. Vote at a satellite voting location near you** Satellite voting dates are October 8<sup>th</sup> thru October 27<sup>th</sup> Satellite hours are: Monday - Thursdays: 1 pm - 7 pm; Fridays: 10 am - 4 pm; Saturday, Oct. 27: 10 am - 4 pm

### SATELLITE VOTING SITES:

Altoona Library - 700 8<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
 Ankeny Library - 1210 NW Prairie Ridge Dr.  
 Clive Library - 1900 NW 114<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Grandview Golf Course - 2401 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Harding Hills Shopping Center - 3420 MLK Pkwy, Ste. 100  
 Johnston Library - 6700 Merle Hay Road  
 MLK Community Center - 1650 Garfield Ave.  
 NW Community Center - 5110 Franklin Ave.  
 South DM Public Library - 1111 Porter Ave.  
 Urbandale Library - 3520 86<sup>th</sup> St.  
 WDM Library - 4000 Mills Civic Parkway

*Additional one-day satellite sites will be open. Please check with your political party for that information.*

**3. Request an absentee ballot to be mailed to your home.** You can click on this link to print the form: [Absentee Ballot Request Form](#)

Or call 515-285-1800 or 515-286-3247 and request one be mailed to you.

All requests must be received before 5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election and postmarked by the Monday before the election when mailed back in.

**ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

## UPNA Website Newly Redesigned

The Union Park Neighborhood Association website has a new look. It has recently been re-designed and is up and running. It is now easier to navigate and more user friendly. The focus is on the neighborhood and the Association.

Across the top of the webpage are tabs or drop down boxes for different topics that you can click on to

reveal more information. On the left hand side of the page is a "What's Coming Up" box where recent topics, news and information will be presented along with links to Face Book and Twitter. These social media links are where Union Park Neighborhood information is frequently posted. More information will be posted on the website in the days to come, so check it often.

The website was re-designed by JTM MultiMedia, Inc. They have done websites for various other groups in the Des Moines area including the Heritage Carousel. For more information on JTM, go to <http://jtmweb.com/>

## Better, Faster Snow Removal

New for the 2012/2013 snow season all residential streets will be plowed after 2 inch snowfalls. Streets will be cleared with larger snow plows known as “wing-plows”.

Wing plows can clear a path 14 feet wide. This larger path requires vehicles to be off the street to make the equipment as efficient as possible. Therefore parking will be restricted until residential streets are plowed curb to curb.

### Learn When the Plows are Coming:

Snow removal on residential streets city-wide will begin when the snow ends. You can access up-to-date information on snow removal by the following methods:

**Email:** Subscribe to email alerts at [www.dmgov.org](http://www.dmgov.org) in the link “sign up for email subscriptions”

**Texting:** Subscribe to text message alerts by texting DMSNOW to 96362.

**Facebook:** like us ‘Des Moines Public Works’

**Twitter:** Follow us @dmdpw.

**Call:** the Department of Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950.

The cost of a ticket for parking during restrictions is \$35.

### Know Where to Go Before the Snow

## Northeast Neighbors Inc.

Union Park Neighborhood Association is proud to participate in and support the efforts of Northeast Neighbors Inc. It is a consortium of neighborhood associations within the geographic area north to the Des Moines city limits, east to the Des Moines city limits, south to the Des Moines River and west to the Des Moines River.

Northeast Neighbors meets the third

Monday of every month at the East Side Library, 2559 Hubbell Ave and is chaired by Suzette Jensen.

The purpose of Northeast Neighbors Inc. is to share information of common interest and value, increase knowledge of neighborhood groups and associations located in northeast Des Moines and help them improve their neighborhoods. Northeast Neighbors Inc. promotes such commu-

nity efforts as forums, conferences and joint projects and advocates civic improvements and reforms for the benefit of the northeast area of Des Moines. Northeast Neighbors Inc. is not affiliated with another group called “*Northeast Neighbors and Friends*”.

## Polk County Water and Legacy Bond

On November 6<sup>th</sup> you will be asked to approve the Polk County Water and Legacy Bond. The Polk County Board of Supervisors unanimously referred a bond referendum to the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, ballot in an amount not to exceed \$50 million for the purposes of acquisition and development of land for public parks, or other recreation or conservation purposes to be managed by the Polk County Conservation Board, including protecting the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams, including the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers and their tributaries, protecting drinking water sources, wildlife habitat, and natural areas, prevention of flooding, and construction

and improvement of trails and conservation facilities in Polk County.

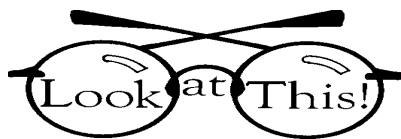
A \$50 million bond referendum spread out over 20 years would fund acquisitions to protect sensitive areas, connect greenways, improve water quality, and reduce flooding in Polk County. It would also enhance accessible outdoor recreation, conservation education, and complete trail connections that would connect communities and encourage healthy lifestyles. It would cost the average household in Polk County less than \$10 per year if all bonds were issued immediately based on current rates.

The use of these funds would be

executed and guided by existing master plans and capital improvement plans of the Polk County Conservation Board. All expenditures will be subject to public review to assure that funds are used wisely and public benefits are maximized. As with current funds made available to the Conservation Board, these funds will be leveraged with other communities and local agencies, continuing partnerships to enhance and protect the natural environment.

For more information about Polk County’s Water and Legacy Bond, go to <http://www.inhf.org/polkvotes.cfm>.

## This and That:



Did you enjoy the Movies in the Park this year. In August and early September “Back to the Future” and “Goonies” were shown in the south part of Union Park. UPNA paid to have those movies brought to our neighborhood and we want to thank Meghan Daugherty for organizing the two events.

There are 55 Charter and Recognized Neighborhood Associations in Des Moines. This is something that is not taken lightly. Recently three neighborhoods lost their designations as associations due to inactivity. We are proud that the Union Park Neighborhood continues to thrive and represent the citizens in our neighborhood and maintain contacts with the government of the City of Des Moines.

The Neighborhood Summit sponsored by Des Moines Neighbors will be November 10 at the Polk County River Plaza building on Euclid AVE where the old Target/Oliver Plaza used to be. For information go to [www.dmneighbors.org](http://www.dmneighbors.org)

The City Council approved the contract to add a sidewalk in Union Park that will connect the tennis court to the wading pool. It is estimated that the contractor was expected to start the work starting after August 21 when the wading pool closes. This is according to Richard Brown, City Park Planner.

Highland Park’s Corn Feed made a profit of \$6068 this year. Bill

Wheeler (who owns Highland Park Hardware) has organized the event for many years, but this year he turned it over to his daughter, Felisa (Phyllis) Wheeler. Felisa did a great job this year. She said she “hopes to see everyone again in another couple months when we will begin preparing for CORN FEED 2013!”

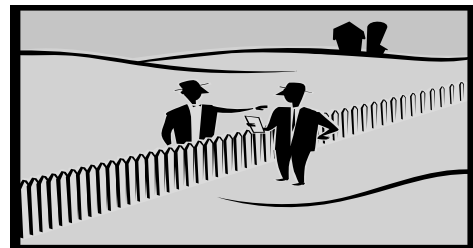
National Night Out this year was a great success! It was August 7<sup>th</sup>. The Union Park United Methodist Church invited Union Park Neighborhood residents to join them and get out of the house and meet other neighbors and celebrate an evening of food and fun. There was a cookout with plenty of delicious food and drinks. The games were a big hit with the kids and a train to provide rides for kids (of all ages) around the parking lot. They even has D.J. playing upbeat music. The turnout from the neighborhood this year was better than ever before. Representatives from the Fire and Police departments were there. A fire truck was opened up for people to climb on. There were prizes and bracelets and bears. National Night Out occurs every year in August and it helps encourage neighbors to build camaraderie and discourages the criminal element. UPNA thanks the United Methodist Church for hosting this celebration again this year.

We join Highland Park Neighborhood in welcoming Home Plate Diner to the area. Home Plate opened a family restaurant where Kens Diner used to be at 3900 E 14<sup>th</sup> ST. They had a grand opening on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Des Moines Police Department

has a website where you can see all of the reported crimes in the city. You can zoom in on the map and see what has been reported in Union Park. Thankfully, there is not much in our neighborhood. Here is a link in case you want to take a look: <http://www.crimemapping.com/>

We are still on track to eliminate paper copies of the Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter. We are getting closer and closer to going paperless. Like many neighborhoods, the expense of printing and mailing paper copies is prohibitive and volunteer time could be used more effectively on other projects. Make sure you have provide your e-mail address next time you renew your membership. The newsletters are also posted on the UPNA website at [www.unionparkdsm.com](http://www.unionparkdsm.com)



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Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

TIME VALUE  
Fall General Meeting  
Tuesday , October 16th at 7 pm  
Union Park Baptist Church  
932 Arthur AVE

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## BECOME A MEMBER / SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

9-digit zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Form is also available on our website at [www.unionparkdsm.com](http://www.unionparkdsm.com)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Yearly Dues: Three levels of Membership:** \$10.00 Family membership, \$25 Supporter, \$30 Business  
please mail to UPNA Treasurer, PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Paul Cole at 263-1885.

All memberships renew on January 1st.

Beginning January 1, 2013 newsletters will be emailed to members

I want to have my newsletter e-mailed to the e-mail address above.

I do not have an e-mail address. Please send my newsletter to my home.

Please send me information about \_\_\_\_\_