

UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Fall General Meeting Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM

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Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park. Our guest speaker will be Jamie Fitzgerald, Polk County Auditor/Commissioner of Elections. Jamie always entertains and with elections coming up, this will be an interesting presentation.

Also on the agenda is Tom Hockensmith, Polk County Supervisor, an update on UPNA's accomplishments this year, Lawn of the Week Awards, a briefing on the next phase of Rendezvous on Riverview and election of officers. Councilman Bob Mahaffey will be honored for his years of service on the City Council. As always, we will have cookies.

The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road. There is plenty of parking. For information about the Ding Darling Shelter go to <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Parks/Pages/Birdland.aspx>



15th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel”

The 15th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel” took place Sunday, August 30th in Union Park and it was best show ever according to Steve Klinkenfus, member of Rollin Relics and organizer of the show. 203 beautiful cars were registered. Proceeds from the show support The Heritage Carousel and help keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. Thank you to all who supported the show by organizing, entering, donating to the event and/or attending. Over 986 free Carousel rides were given during the show! Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the “Carousel Award” again this year which was awarded to Ron Fisher for his 1947 Red Chevy Convertible. The Rollin’ Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel! The contribution to the Heritage Carousel will be announced at a later date.



Be a Des Moines Rehabbers Club member. Membership information is on their website at <http://renovatedsm.org>
Or contact: Kelli Lydon, Vice President, kelli.a.lydon@gmail.com / 515-451-7559

Lawn of the Week Awards

The 2015 Lawn of the Week Awards will be presented during the Fall General Meeting at the Ding Darling Shelter on **October 20, 2015**. The Lawn of the Week Awards program started in 1992 by the UPNA Steering Committee, to identify and honor front yards that exhibited both good landscape design and consistent quality of yard maintenance. Yvonne McClure and Tom McDermott, Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators, walked and drove through the area to identify outstanding front yards of neighbors whose lawns exemplified both neatness and beauty. As they found a “winner”, Tom and Yvonne placed a green and white sign in the

yard for one week to proclaim the yard as the “Union Park Neighborhood Lawn of the Week”. The winners will be honored with a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to Goodes Greenhouse.

Congratulations to the following neighbors:

Larry & Patricia Lynch - 2343 E 13th ST
Sue Schipper - 1421 Wilson Ave
Mike Bastin - 2512 E 13th ST
Alice Steinbach - 813 Boyd ST
Jeff & Patty Turner - 2011 E 13th ST
David Pottorff - 421 Hull Ave
David Freylack - 1920 E 13TH ST

Although there is not a nominations process for this award, suggestions are gratefully accepted. Please send your suggestions for a 2016 Lawn of the Week to info@unionparkdsm.com

Photos of the 2015 winning lawns will be posted on our website.



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Meeting Invitation

The Union Park Neighborhood Association holds a Spring and Fall General Meeting. We also have bi-monthly steering committee meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of odd months (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. & Nov.) 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!

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Membership Dues

Remember that Annual Membership Dues are due the first of the year at January. Dues are on a calendar basis. Dues are \$10 for individual membership, or \$25 if you want to be a Supporter and \$30 for a Business Membership. If you have any questions about your Dues, please feel free to contact Paul Cole—Membership Chair. A membership renewal form is on the back of this newsletter.

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

You are invited:

When: October 22, 2015 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Grand View University, 11200 Grandview Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50316

Des Moines City Council has 6 candidates vying for 3 seats. This forum will bring them together to answer questions from the audience for 90 minutes. The event is co-sponsored by Des Moines Historical Society, Des Moines Rehabbers Club, Des Moines Neighbors, Northeast Neighbors and Friends and Northeast Neighbors, Inc.

The Grand View Student Center is the first building east of East 14th Street with the skywalk attached. Parking is just south of the building.

For further information contact Suzette Jensen at 515-360-6261 or Marlon Mormann at 515-710-0902.

Candidates for Mayor

Mayor Frank Cownie, 675 Harwood Dr., Des Moines 50312 / 202-2424 /

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Linda Westergaard, 4009 E. 23rd Street, Des Moines 50317 / 988-4288 / Westergaard-Linda@gmail.com



Archer Daniels Midland Increases Production

A public meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hy-Vee Euclid Room. The Euclid Room is the building adjacent to the Hy-Vee Store located at 2540 E. Euclid Ave. Officials involved in the permitting process will meet with neighbors to discuss health risks from the increased toxic emissions and particulates that will be associated with the increase in production at the Archer Daniels Midland soybean processing plant located at 1935 E. Euclid AVE. It is expected that ADM, Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Polk County Health Department will be represented at the meeting.

ADM applied for the permit to increase production in March 2015. A public comment period ran from August 12, 2015 to September 11, 2015. A public hearing was scheduled for September 9th, however it did not come to the attention of neighborhood leaders until early that day, which gave little time to react. Although all the proper guidelines were followed, neighbors feel they did not have adequate notice to provide timely feedback on the plans. An extension of the 30 notice was not granted. Questions that were submitted in writing to DNR before the end of the public comment period have not yet been answered.

In addition to nearby businesses and residential neighborhoods, Garton Elementary School and Luther Park Senior Living community is less than a mile from the plant.

This meeting is intended to be an information meeting and participants are encouraged to be civil and respectful to the speakers. This event is sponsored by Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association and Northeast Neighbors and Friends.



Smart911 as Enhanced Public Safety Service - Public safety officials in the Polk County E911 service area encourage citizens to create a Safety Profile for faster and more effective emergency response. This is a free service that is now available. Smart911 is a national service that allows citizens to create a free Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in the event of an emergency. If that citizen needs to dial 9-1-1, their Safety Profile will immediately display on the call taker's screen, saving seconds and even minutes in response to the emergency.

Citizens can visit www.smart911.com to sign up and create a free Safety Profile for their household, providing information such as the names and photos of family members, health conditions, medications, pets in the home, vehicle details and emergency contacts. All information in each profile is voluntary, and each household can determine what details are important to include, as each household is different and therefore the potential rescue needs will also vary.

Simple details can help during an emergency. Knowing the access points to the home, whether there is a pet to be aware of when approaching or entering the home or just knowing the name of the person in distress can enhance the safety of citizens and officers alike.

Smart911 will give 9-1-1 call takers the ability to send the appropriate response teams to the right location and with more information.

"We often spend the first few minutes during an emergency gathering information and assessing the scene," said Des Moines Fire Department Inspector Brian O'Keefe. "By having this information, such as photos of family members, details of those who may need evacuation assistance and even utility shut off locations, while we are en route we can begin our on scene efforts more quickly."

Citizens are encouraged to sign up for Smart911 and create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com to ensure 9-1-1 will have access to their information during an emergency. **Smart911 is private and secure, and is only made available to 9-1-1 when an emergency call is made.**

Planter at "The Steps"

Update on the planter at "The Steps" in Union Park. Perennials were planted in May. An employee of the Parks and Recreation Department said it is a "butterfly garden" and contains such plants as dill and butterfly milkweed. Benches have been purchased and this will make a shady and cool place to sit and watch the butterflies. The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department selects the plants and maintains the planter. UPNA applied for the Community Development Grant, to design and build the sidewalk, planter and purchase benches.



A New Tree in Honor of Bill and Nellie Richie

THANK YOU to Marsha Steele for accomplishing the planting of a Concolor fir in Union Park on Wednesday in honor of Bill and Nellie Richie. Bill's favorite way of beautifying his neighborhood and city was to plant trees along the streets, in parks, and by schools and churches. When Bill passed away in April 2007, his obituary stated that he raised funds to plant over 500 new trees in the Union Park area. Nellie was always by his side and both were founders and officers of UPNA. In the weeks to come, Steering Committee members will help keep the tree watered until the first frost.

Also a shelter near the Heritage Carousel was renamed in honor of Bill and Nellie. Good job, UPNA, in remembering two wonderful people!



Little Libraries

Little Libraries are available through Northeast Neighbors and Friends to anyone who would like to have one in their yard. About ten of these are currently scattered in neighborhoods on the northeast side. If you would like one in your yard, now is the time to reserve one and get that post in the ground before it gets cold. The libraries themselves are small weatherproof glass-front boxes on a post in front yards near the sidewalk. Adults and children are encouraged to stop and take a book to read and/or put a book in it for someone else to read. All exchanges are free and the goal

is to provide free books to anyone to promote reading.

If you would like to have one in your yard or if you would like to donate to enable more Little Libraries, contact chair@northeastneighborsandfriends.org

If you are a handy woodworker who would like to build these libraries blue-print plans are available.

Northeast Neighbors and Friends is a coalition of neighborhood associations in northeast Des Moines.



Things That Have Happened Since Our Last Newsletter

Rendezvous on Riverview had another great year. "Attendance is roaring" according to Jack Daugherty. The bands were top notch. There was a fireworks display on July 3rd. Next year will be bigger. Have about 35 volunteers on the average. In case you missed it, the Parks Area Foundation is finishing designs for a permanent stage on the Island and proceeds from ROR will help build it. However they need donations to make that happen – about \$1 Million worth.

Grand View University completed construction on the new Student Center and constructed the longest skywalk in the City of Des Moines, which spans

East 14 Street.

Clowns at the Carousel on August 2nd had a great attendance. This is an annual event held at the Carousel. This year 1700 glasses of lemonade and water were served, 2500 pieces of pizza, 900 bags of popcorn, 324 cups of yogurt, and 384 granola bars. There was also 979 free carousel rides given and 400 free bike helmets given away! Thanks to The Korn Patch Klowns, sponsors, donors, and volunteers who helped to make this event such a success!

National Night Out and Back to School Party was held August 4, 2015 at the Union Park United Methodist Church,

2305 E 12th ST. In addition to food, there were activities and games for kids and music. Members of the Des Moines Police Department and the Des Moines Fire Department dropped by to say hello to the young and not-so-young alike. Back packs and free school supplies were available for school age children, but those went very quickly. Look for this event to continue next year.

Free Flicks August 20th the movie "Monsters Inc." was shown at the Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park. It was a beautiful night to be outdoor at a family event.

City Council Ward 2 Candidate Forum



Highland Park Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a City Council Ward 2 Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 13th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northside Senior Center at Park Fair Mall. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Please use the doors on the west side. There is plenty of parking. The two candidates for Ward 2 are Marty Mauk and Linda Westergaard. The format will be 3 minute introduction speech

from each candidate and two minute timed answers to questions from the audience. Questions from the audience may be written on cards and submitted to moderators who will screen for appropriateness and duplication. All eligible voters are encouraged to attend and be informed voters. There are other offices to be determined on November 3rd so be sure to vote.

Vote November 3

Absentee ballot voting is available now at the Polk County Election Office Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM or you can download the absentee ballot request on-line at: <http://auditor.co.polk.ia.us/pdf/election/absenteeballot.pdf>.

The Polk County Election Office is located at 120 2nd Ave. Suite A, Des

Moines. If you have question about early voting please call the Polk County Election Office directly at 515-286-3247.

To find your polling place go here: http://auditor.co.polk.ia.us/election/2015/11032015_city/DSM/pub.pdf



This and That:

October 13: Highland Park Candidate Forum (details in this newsletter)

October 15: ADM Meeting (details in this newsletter)

October 20: UPNA Fall General Meeting (details in this newsletter)

October 22: DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

October 23: Cavatelli dinner at the Union Park United Methodist Church is on Oct 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It is an annual favorite. The address is 2305 E 12th ST (corner of E 12th and Guthrie).

October 25: Harvest Concert, under the musical direction of Jennifer Shide, is on Sunday, October 25 starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Union Park United Methodist Church.

This is a big fundraiser for the Food Bank. The concert is FREE but an offering will be taken during the concert that will go to the Food Bank. A pot luck meal will be provided for all concert attendees. The address is 2305 E 12th ST (corner of E 12th and Guthrie).

October 30: Safe Harvest Party will be Friday, Oct 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Union Park United Meth-

odist Church. A light supper will be provided along with games and prizes. Neighborhood kids are encouraged to come in costume. The address is 2305 E 12th ST (corner of E 12th and Guthrie). **November 1:** The end of daylight savings time! Set your clocks back an hour and sleep in!

November 3: VOTE

November 10: Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Grand View University, in the Humphrey Center, Rodholm Room. All of our meetings are open to the public. Check out the UPNA website. Announcements are posted on Face Book. We hope to see you there!

Church events in the Union Park

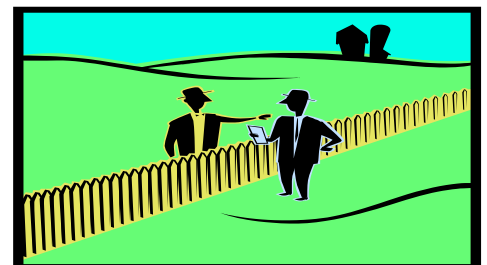
Neighborhood - we welcome churches to send us their event news! UPNA sends our newsletters to most of the churches in the UPNA area and it would be great to hear back from them. Send to info@unionparkdsm.com. It might even end up in our newsletter.

Neighborhood Newsletters – UPNA shares our newsletters with all neighborhood associations in Des Moines. We would love to know we are

not the only neighborhood that produces a newsletter. Next time your neighborhood does a newsletter, please consider including UPNA. Send to info@unionparkdsm.com. We could help promote some of your activities.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

To help ensure that sidewalks are safe during the winter, City ordinance requires residents to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 48 hours following the end of the snowfall. Property owners who do not comply are subject to a civil citation. A helpful hint for residents on snow routes – clear your sidewalk after the snowplows have finished plowing to the curb. When you remove snow from your driveway or sidewalk, please remember that City ordinance prohibits placing snow on any public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME VALUE
Fall General Meeting
Tuesday, October 20 at 7 pm
Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House
Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

BECOME A MEMBER / SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Name _____

Address _____

9-digit zip code _____

Form is also available on our website at www.unionparkdsm.com

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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.

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