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Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM

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

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.

Our first guest speakers will be Public Works Director Jonathan Gano. He will talk about trees. Then Pam Carmichael with Home Inc. will provide an update on in-fill homes in Union Park and the Birdland area and a likely proposal for a market-rate project on Guthrie west of Saylor Road. Linda Westergaard, Ward 2 City Councilperson, will bring news of the City. Nick Carter with the (WRA) Waste Water Reclamation has information about the new sewer line along Birdland Drive within the next 2 years.



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>



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16th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel”

The Rollin Relics Car Club of Des Moines announced the 16th Annual Cruise to the Carousel will be on Sunday, August 28th, 2016 at The Heritage Carousel in Union Park in Des Moines. Registration starts at 9:00 to noon. Voting goes from Noon to 1:30 p.m. and awards are made at 3:30 p.m. There will be food, door prizes, auction, 50/50 drawing and dash plaques. A few changes have been made in the show with a special opportunity for early registration and model cars are back. The Union Park Neighborhood Association will sponsor one of the special award trophies again this year. A flyer/registration form is available on the Rollin Relics Facebook page: [rollinrelicdsm](https://www.facebook.com/rollinrelicdsm). **Rollin Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel. They help keep the Carousel going ‘round and keep the rides at 50 cents for children.**



Des Moines Rehabbers Club monthly meeting will be Saturday May 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at 804 29th Street in Des Moines. Carlyn and Scott Marron will be the hosts. Stephanie from Neighborhood Finance Corporation (www.neighborhoodfinance.org) will give an overview of how homeowners can use NFC to finance their home's repairs with forgivable loans and mortgage financ-

ing. Then a tour of the work Carlyn and Scott have been doing to restore the exterior of their house to its original beauty. Read about their project: <http://renovatedsm.org/what-lies-beneath-aluminum-siding-part-1/>
Des Moines Rehabbers Club monthly meetings are free and open to the public.

About the Des Moines Rehabbers Club:

The Des Moines Rehabbers Club mission is to promote neighborhood revitalization and restoration of Des Moines' unique building stock by informing, educating, inspiring, and supporting each other in all phases of renovation from purchase to occupancy.

Find the Rehabbers online at <http://www.renovatedsm.org>

Here's a direct link to the Facebook event for this meeting: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1008468672568883/>

Lawn of the Week Awards

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, walk and drive through the area to identify outstanding front yards of neighbors whose lawns exemplified both neatness and beauty. As they find a “winner”, Tom and Yvonne place 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 are honored at the Fall General Meeting with a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to Goodes Greenhouse. The 2015 Lawn of the Week Awards were listed in our 2015 Fall Newsletter and pictures are posted on our website

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



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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.

SCRUB 2016

City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2016 SCRUB Calendar

Date	Location	Hours
3/19/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
4/16/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Hoover High School, 4800 Aurora Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
5/21/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
6/18/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Capitol Complex Lot #3, west of E 14th St south of Court Ave [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
7/16/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
8/20/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
9/17/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Bell Ave Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
10/15/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Southridge Mall, 1111 E. Army Post Rd. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
11/19/16	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM

City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2016 MEGA SCRUB Events Sponsoring Neighborhoods

Date	Neighborhood Coordinating the Event Shown in Bold
4/16/16 7 AM-1 PM	Hoover High School, 4800 Aurora Ave. Carpenter, Drake, Drake Park, Ingersoll Park, Meredith, Merle Hay, North of Grand, Waveland Woods, Waveland Park, Waterbury, Woodland Heights, Sherman Hill
5/21/16 7 AM-1 PM	Polk County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave. Beaverdale, Chautauqua Park, Cheatom Park, Highland Park, King Irving, Lower Beaver, Mondamin Presidential, Oak Park, Prospect Park, River Bend, Union Park
6/18/16 7 AM-1 PM	Capitol Complex Lot #3, west of E. 14th south of Court ACCENT, Brook Run, Capitol East, Capitol Park, Douglas Acres, Historic East Village, Fairground, Fairmont Park, Grays Woods, MLK Jr. Park, Sheridan Gardens, Valley High Manor
9/17/16 7 AM-1 PM	Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. Downtown Des Moines, Grays Lake, Greenwood Historic, Linden Heights, Salisbury Oaks, Southwestern Hills, Westwood, Indianola Hills, McKinley School/Columbus Park
10/15/16 7 AM-1 PM	Southridge Mall, 1111 E. Army Post Rd. Somerset, South Park, Fort Des Moines, Hillsboro, Magnolia Park, Easter Lake Area, Ewing Woods-Evergreen, River Woods, Pioneer Park, Watrous South

NEW THIS YEAR - City of Des Moines Food Drive

There is NOT a season for need. This year, in coordination with our neighborhoods and our MEGA SCRUB Events, we will be hosting a food drive. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to be delivered directly to the DMARC Move the Food Program.

For more information on SCRUB events go online to
www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/SCRUBEvents.aspx

17th Annual Parks Area Sweet Corn Day



Parks Area Sweet Corn Day - Saturday, August 27th - 4:30 to 9:30. Enjoy all the sweet corn on the cob you can eat plus watermelon and beverages. Tickets are \$6 for all you can eat sweet corn, 2 slices of watermelon and 1 beverage ticket – a la carte pricing also available. The event will be on 6th Ave, between Euclid and Douglas Avenues in Des Moines. Ice cream, soda & beer is available for additional cost. There will be activities for the kids to enjoy, and a live band - Backstage Boogie Band. This event was formally known as the Highland Park Sweet Corn Day, the festival now includes the Parks area of Highland, Oak and Union Park.

Rendezvous on Riverview

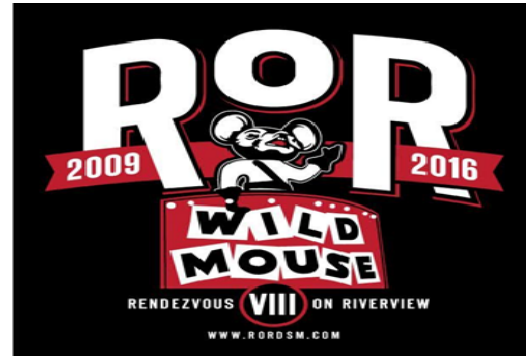
Rendezvous on Riverview started in 2009 as a free summer concert series that is a fun, family-oriented neighborhood festival open to the public. The new location for 2016 is on RIVERVIEW ISLAND at 6th and Corning. Thanks to loyal support from the Highland Park, Oak Park and Union Park neighbors, generous contributions from sponsors, and funding from Polk County, we are looking forward to another great year of ROR.

Live Music from some of Central Iowa's best bands is featured. Lots of food and beverage options including beer, soft drinks, walking tacos, hot dogs and much more.

Rendezvous on Riverview will be held every Friday night in June and July from **5:30 to 9:30pm**, so please join us and bring your friends, or come and make some new ones at Rendezvous on Riverview! Come and have a great time, but please, no coolers.

2016 Bands

6/3 - Riddle Me This
 6/10 - Faculty Lounge
 6/17 - Standing Hampton
 6/24 - Freestyle
 7/1 - Kentucky Fried Mullet (Des Moines' Best Fireworks – 10 PM)
 7/8 - Sons of Gladys Kravitz
 7/15 - Final Mix with Del 'The Saxman' Jones
 7/22 - Dick Danger Band
 7/29 – Boomerang Band



Riverview is over 100 years old. The doors opened to Riverview Amusement Park opened on June 15, 1915. The idea of an amusement park on the island sprang up from a visit to Coney Island by Abe Frankle. At first it had a roller coaster, swimming pool and a dance pavilion. Riverview Amusement Park was in operation from 1915-1978. After many, many years of stagnation, thanks to the Parks Area Foundation, plans are under way once and for all for a master revitalization project. The Parks Area Foundation (www.parksareafoundation.org) is leading a citizen initiative to redevelop Riverview Park into a new public space and entertainment venue. Their focus is neighborhood improvement, cultural preservation, educational opportunities and an attractive family space & entertainment venue. To see some of the design ideas and donate go to: <http://riverviewrising.com/> or can be sent to the Parks Area Foundation at P.O. Box 3323, Des Moines, Iowa, 50316. Donations are tax deductible.

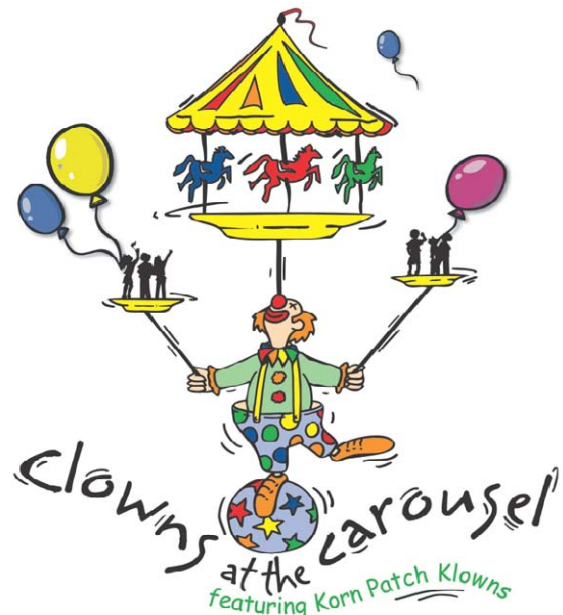
Clowns at the Carousel

FREE! Clowns at the Carousel featuring KornPatch Klowns is August 7, 2016 starting at 4:00 pm till 7:00 pm. It's all at Heritage Carousel located in Union Park of Des Moines, Iowa.

COME CLOWN AROUND WITH US!

Carousel Rides • Music • Games • Juggling •
 Inflatable Rides • Dancers • Safety Street •
 Stage Entertainment

Parking West of Heritage Carousel on Penn Avenue



Improvements in Union Park

You may have noticed some improvements in Union Park, most recently the addition of two benches that complement the new sidewalk and flowerbed near the steps at Mattern and East 9th. These improvements were the result of the Union Park Neighborhood Association applying for Polk County Community Betterment grants.



Crime Mapping



Do you want an easy way to know what kind of criminal activity is going on near your home? Here is a way to get daily reports sent to you by email:

<http://www.crimemapping.com/>

A map of the U.S.A will appear. Click on Iowa.

Then select "Des Moines Police" from the list.

A street map of Des Moines will appear with most of the crimes displayed. You may do a search for crimes near your home by typing in your address in the Search box. Or you may subscribe to have Crime Mapping sent to your email.

At the top of the page is an orange box "Receive Crime Alerts". Click on that. It will take you to a page that says "**SIGN UP AND RECEIVE CRIME ALERTS**".

Follow the directions

You will receive an email that asks you to "Save My Subscription". Do not ignore that one.

After you save your subscription, you will receive an acknowledging "Thank You"

Then you will receive Crime mapping information in your emails regularly.

You may unsubscribe at any time you wish.

Luther Park Adult Day Center



Luther Park Adult Day Center is having a BBQ and Open House on Sunday, June 12 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 1546 Hull Avenue, Des Moines. Come for food and stay for prizes!! Staff will be available to answer questions regarding Adult Day Services.

Currently accepting new participants. Call for more information and to set up a tour!

515.266.7033 / www.lutherparkcommunity.org

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 dry and hard. 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.



Thank you to The Rollin' Relics!!



The Heritage Carousel is grateful to The Rollin' Relics Car Club. Recently, The Rollin' Relics presented The Heritage Carousel with a donation check in the amount of \$7,000 before the Des Moines City Council meeting.

The Cruise to the Carousel is a huge success due to the hard work, love, and dedication of every member of The Rollin' Relics Car Club. It is a fabulous event enjoyed by all!

The Rollin' Relics are the largest contributor to The Heritage Carousel and have generously donated over \$46,000 in the past 15 years to help keep the Carousel going 'round and keep the rides at 50 cents for children.

Union Park Neighborhood Association Earns Award

Last fall, the Iowa Chapter of the American Planning Association recognized the Union Park Neighborhood Association and Parks Area Foundation for their leadership of the Birdland Area Redevelopment Plan and presented them with the 2015 Grassroots Initiative Award. We received a beautiful trophy and a Certificate of Award to put in our display case. The award also was mentioned in the Fall 2015 City Source newsletter. This is a well-deserved honor for everyone involved.



This and That:

Parks and Recreation Department Appreciation Day Ice Cream Social - You are invited to an Ice Cream Social to show appreciation to our dedicated and hard working Parks and Recreation Department workers and staff on June 15, 2016 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Cownie Soccer Park. Our parks get busier every year and in spite of budget cuts, our beautiful parks that add so much to the quality of life in Des Moines are maintained. Join us in thanking them for all that they do. Rain date is June 16th.

Dogs – If you have a problem with a dog running at large (off leash) you should call the Des Moines Police Department Dispatch (Non-Emergency) **515-283-4811** immediately and provide as much information as you can about the description of the animal and the owner. You do not have to give your name, but it is useful if you want the issue resolved. The information will be relayed to Animal Control and the issue will be investigated. Of course, if you see a dog attacking a person or another dog, you should call 9-1-1 immediately.

It should not be necessary to remind pet owners to license, chip, vaccinate and pick up their waste. Responsible pet owners do that because they love their pets and respect their neighbors.

You also do not need to endure incessant barking of your neighbor's dog. Call the Dispatch number at 515-283-4811. City ordinance Sec. 42-262. - Animals and birds - No person shall own, possess or harbor any animal or bird which frequently or for continued duration emits sounds native to the species which are a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary or within a noise sensitive area.

Annual Dog Park Passes – Passes to allow entrance to the Ewing, Riverwalk and Reno Memorial Dog Parks are available all year for \$20. It is not necessary to get a pass at the same time you get your dog license, but you do need a Des Moines dog license to get a

pass. For more information regarding dog parks and rules, go to www.dmparks.org/dogparks

Aquatics Dates to Know

Spraygrounds Open: May 2

Northwest Aquatic Center Opens for Memorial Day Weekend: May 28, 29, 30

Splash Pools Open: May 28

Wading Pools Open: June 1

All Pools/Aquatic Centers Open: June 4
Swim lesson registration is still available online at dmparks.org. To view session info and dates, download this year's Aquatics Brochure.

Lead in Drinking Water FAQ - Are you concerned about lead in your drinking water? You may be eligible for free testing from the Des Moines Waterworks. <http://www.dmw.com/about-us/announcements/lead-in-drinking-water-faq.aspx>

City Hall Renovation

All the departments and staff at City Hall have moved to temporary locations to allow a massive remodeling project for City Hall. You may want to check before you make the trek. You can: Check out the location map on-line, call 515-283-4500, or email at info@dmgov.org to make sure of the location or to find out if you can take care of what you need over the phone or online. The same friendly city staff is available to help whichever option you choose, but to save time, please check before you make the trek. <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/CityManager/Pages/CityHallRelocation.aspx>

Toter Carts and Solid Waste Time of Collection: Residents are reminded solid waste containers (or Toters) may not remain on the parking or terrace of the street in front of a premise for more than 12 hours after the date designated for solid waste. Toter cart owners may be fined for carts that are left out after collection day. For habitual violators, the carts may be confiscated. Place your Toter cart and other materials

to be collected such as yard wastes and recyclables at your designated collection location no later than 6:30 a.m. on your scheduled collection day and no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day before your scheduled collection.

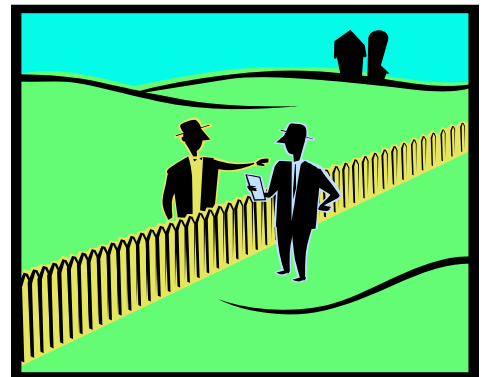
MidAmerican Energy Street Lighting

The majority of the streetlights within the City of Des Moines are owned and maintained by MidAmerican Energy. Streetlight outages may be reported directly to MidAmerican Energy using their online [Street Light Request Form](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/outages-storms.aspx) <https://www.midamericanenergy.com/outages-storms.aspx> or by calling MidAmerican Energy at 1-888-427-5632. If you do not see the repairs completed within 4 weeks, please submit a second request to MidAmerican Energy.

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.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME VALUE
Spring General Meeting
Tuesday, May 17 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

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.

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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 _____