

UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Spring General Meeting Tuesday, May 16 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 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.

Our first guest speakers will be a representative from AARP who will present a program on Fraud Watch. They will discuss the latest trends in telephone and online scams and explain how to recognize and report fraud. Financial crimes against vulnerable adults are a growing concern and scammers tend to target older adults because they have accumulated wealth over a lifetime of working and saving.

Then Ben Page with Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department will provide an update on plans and activities in Union Park. Ward 2 City Councilmember, Linda Westergaard, will bring news of the City.

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.



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Community Calendar

May 9: 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.

May 15-20: One week Birdland Building Blitz-10 houses to be constructed on Watson AVE.

May 16: UPNA Spring General Meeting at Ding Darling Shelter (details in this newsletter)

May 18: Neighborhood Night at the Carousel from 5 to 7 pm at the Heri-

tage Carousel in Union Park

May 20-21: 20th Annual River Bend tour

May 20: Run wMay 20: Run with the Cops

May 27: UPNA Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale Weekend

May 20: Heritage Carousel: Opening day is Saturday, at 11:00 a.m.

June 2: Rendezvous on Riverview – first event. Hold On To Rock Band

June 12-16: Birdland Building Blitz constructed on Watson AVE completed

June 17: Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity dedicates new homes in Birdland

August 1: National Night Out. Details to follow

August 6: Clowns at the Carousel in Union Park - 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

August 27: Rollin' Relics Car Club 17th Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show

Rendezvous on Riverview

Rendezvous on Riverview IX 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.

2017 Bands

6/2 - Hold on to Rock Band

6/9 - The Dick Danger Band

6/16 - Sons of Gladys Kravitz

6/23 - The Backstage Boogie Band

6/30 - North of Grand

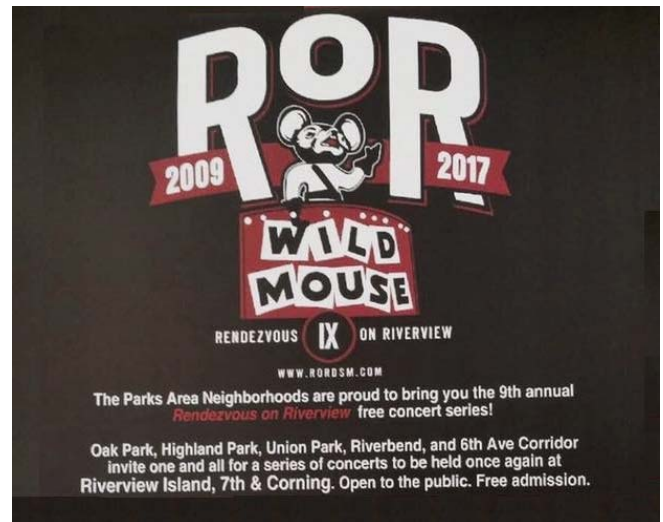
7/7 - The Blue Band (Fireworks)

7/14 - Jerry & the Sneaky Snakes

7/21 - Final Mix

7/28 - Standing Hampton

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Neighborhood wide Garage Sale

In 2006, Meghan Daugherty started the Union Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale. Traditionally, it has been held on the fourth Saturday in May. For lack of a volunteer to organize the garage sale, it will be run-

ning on “auto-pilot”, meaning that you are on your own. If anyone would like to volunteer to organize it, please contact us at info@UnionParkDSM.com. So go ahead and plan a garage sale on

Saturday May 27nd and clean up, clear out, and sell that stuff! If you’ve been thinking of having a sale, why not have it then anyway and be a part of a larger effort?

UPNA

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!

UPNA

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 Sup- porter 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.

Neighborhood Night at the Carousel

The neighborhood is on the verge of a new beginning. With all the new housing in Birdland, and a new sense of purpose, we’d like to throw ourselves a Welcome to UP party. Join your neighbors for an evening of fun at the Heritage Carousel. Thursday May 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Union Park. Free Carousel rides, hot dogs, snacks, drinks and more.

Neighbors Night at the Heritage Carousel



Join your neighbors for an evening of fun!

Thursday, May 18, 2017

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Union Park

**Free Carousel Rides sponsored by UnityPoint Clinic,
Hot Dogs, Snacks, Drinks and more!!**









City of Des Moines has launched a news smart phone app to help citizens report concerns of garbage pickup, urban blight, vandalism, pot holes and more. The information goes directly to necessary city staff. This new feature will assist the 24 hour Public Works call center (283-4950) in responding to its nearly 57,000 annual calls requests/ per year. “My DSM Mobile” allows for a more efficient process- aiding residents in a higher quality of life.

Website for more info - <https://desmoinesia.citysourced.com/mobile>
 See link on City of Des Moines Facebook page here to share:
<https://www.facebook.com/DesMoinesGov/photos/a.376856179026934.81812.198320120213875/1158881654157712/?type=3&theater>
 Or post:
 #MyDSMmobile. City's new mobile app to report issues.
<http://www.dmgov.org/pages/mydsmmobile.aspx>
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What's Happening in Birdland?

We all remember the devastation to the Birdland area during the floods of 1993 and 2008. The community of 270 homes was reduced to 54 homes. Since then, the levee has been rebuilt and certified by the Army Corps of Engineers. Now things are happening in the Birdland Area.

During April 26-29th, the area literally swarmed with volunteers for the Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (GDMH) "Rock the Block". Low income residents received assistance with needed repair, maintenance, weatherization, safety, accessibility, and beautification of homes.

Beginning the week of May 15-20 GDMH will construct ten houses in a one-week blitz along Watson Avenue in the Birdland area. The blitz will end the week of June 12-16 with a dedication ceremony on June 17th.

If you would like to be a GDMH volunteer and part of this revitalization of the Birdland area, you can sign up through the Habitat website at gdmhabitat.org/volunteer or con-

tact them at volunteer@gdmhabitat.org.

HOME, Inc. (Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc) is building 6 houses this year in the same area. HOME, Inc. is the oldest private, non-profit housing organization in Des Moines whose mission is to create opportunities for quality, affordable housing. HOME, Inc. develops affordable housing, and provides both rental and home ownership counseling and education.

In the fall of 2017, GDMH will create a "pocket neighborhood" of at least 18 single family homes in the Birdland neighborhood, the first of its kind in the state.

On the other side of the levee, near the Birdland Marina, you can see Captain Roy's Allis Chalmers orange food truck with blue wheels. This unique pit stop serves American Food to Union Park residents, boaters at Birdland Marina and thousands of cyclists that pass by on the Neal Smith Trail. Service started in March and a bar will open yet this

spring. Soon it will also have a supply shop for bikers and live music.

The Des Moines Rowing Club also rents space at Birdland Marina. They continue to make improvements to their facility and provides and maintains the docks for rowers use as well as community use. The club has adopted the shoreline around the Birdland Marina area to help with neighborhood beautification efforts.

The Union Park Neighborhood Association leveraged some grants to improve the "Stone Bridge" where many cars a day cross over the Birdland Lagoon on Birdland Drive. Concrete steps and handrail now make it easier for fishermen to access a small pad they can enjoy the sport.



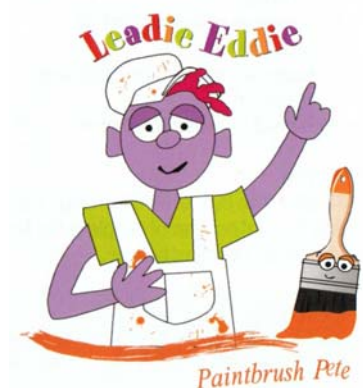
Lead Hazards in Your Home

Was your house built before 1978? Do you have children under the age of 6 who live or visit the house? Is your income at or below 80% of Median Family Income? If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions you may qualify for a program to repair dangerous lead hazards in your home. Call 515-286-2115. Lead-based paint is the primary source of lead poisoning of children in Iowa. Lead poisoning can cause permanent brain

damage in young children. Low interest loans, forgivable loans or grants are available The Polk County's Lead Repair Program has completed Lead Abatement work on 6 homes for the 1st quarter of 2017.

<http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health/programs/lead-poisoning-prevention/>

Make your home a lead-safe home!



SCRUB Days: 3rd Saturdays of Each Month

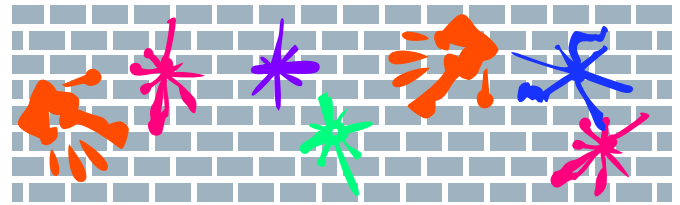
DATE	TIME & LOCATIONS	SCRUB NEIGHBORHOODS
03/18/2017	7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	**SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
04/15/2017	7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	**SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
05/20/2017	7 AM - 1 PM MEGA SCRUB - Polk County River Place - 2309 Euclid Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	Beaverdale, Chautauqua Park, Cheatom Park, Highland Park, King Irving, Lower Beaver, Mondamin Presidential, Oak Park, Prospect Park, River Bend, Union Park. **SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
06/17/2017	7 AM - 1 PM MEGA SCRUB -Capitol Complex, Lot #3 west of E 14th St., south of Court Ave. 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	Accent, Brook Run, Capitol East, Capitol Park, Douglas Acres, Historic East Village, Fairground, Fairmont Park, Gray's Woods, MLK Jr. Park, Sheridan Gardens, Valley High Manor **SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
07/15/2017	7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	**SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
08/19/2017	7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	**SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
09/16/2017	7 AM - 1 PM MEGA SCRUB - Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	Downtown DSM, Gray's Lake, Greenwood Historic, Linden Heights, Salisbury Oaks, Southwestern Hills, Westwood, Indianola Hills, McKinley Columbus **SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
10/21/2017	7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	**SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.**
11/18/2017	7 AM - 2 PM MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave 7 AM - 2 PM MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett	

Graffiti!

Things have changed with graffiti. Apparently, requirements have changed and there no longer is a 24 hour Graffiti Hotline. If you get hit and believe the graffiti is vandalism or a gang sign, it should be reported immediately to Sharon K. Neff at 515-248-6350. Or even better, take a picture and send it to her at SKNeff@dmgov.org

If it is a gang sign, you don't want

your property to be "marked" as gang territory and it is called a "tag". For every potential tag that is called in or e-mailed to any City employee or observed by any City employee, Sharon is their contact person. She will have someone locate, take a picture and send to contacts in the Police Department. A Police case number will be issued only if the owner requests one



from the Police. After that, the tag will be covered up, typically with white paint. If it is on an unpainted structure, siding, etc., it will be power washed to remove it. If it is a structure in good condition the owner may opt to provide the matching paint to cover the affected area.

Cruise to the Carousel

Late last fall, the Rollin' Relics Car Club presented the Heritage Carousel with a huge check. A check worth \$7,000! This was all raised during their Cruise to the Carousel Car Show. The Heritage Carousel will use the money for maintenance, updating equipment and keeping the costs of rides to 50 cents for children. The Rollin Relics Car Club is a group of people that share a common interest in hot rods, street rods, classic cars, rat rods, and muscle cars. They are proud to announce the 17th Annual Cruse to the Carousel Car Show set for August 27, 2017 at the Heritage Carousel.



Reggie Crabbs, Rollin Relics member, Wendell Saunders, Rollin Relics President, Steve Klinkefus, Rollin Relics VP and Carousel Foundation Board Member. Jackie Cacciatore, Carousel Foundation Exec. Dir, Carousel foundation board members Susan Cory, Susan Cirksena, Sarah Weitz, Colleen Rogers, and Suzy Coen.



- Located on the bike trail
- At Birdland Marina
- Deck overlooking Thompsons Bend on the Des Moines River
- 1 mile north of downtown on Neal Smith Trail
- Hub for the bike trail - will have biking events
- Across the street from Union Park and Heritage carousel
- Selling supplies for bikers
- Selling ice
- Plenty of bike racks
- Bike friendly



Lawn of the Week Award

The Lawn of the Week Awards program continues. The LOWA program seeks 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.

Although there is not a formal process for this award, nominations are appreciated and gratefully accepted. Yvonne says they follow up on nominations but sometimes there is no response when the owner was contacted.

Approval of the owner is needed before a sign can be placed in the yard.

Please send your suggestions for a 2017 Lawn of the Week to info@unionparkdsm.com



UNION PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A Century Church"

Union Park Presbyterian Church kicks off centennial celebration June 25!

2017 is a very special year for Union Park Presbyterian Church (UPPC). The church was founded on June 27, 1917, so we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary!

The UPPC Centennial Committee invites neighbors, friends and family to our 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 25, for the “kick-off” of our centennial celebration. The address of the church is 1307 Thompson Ave., Des Moines, IA 50316.

The committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Karen Chakoian, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Granville, OH and former pastor (1997 – 2000) of UPPC, will lead our worship service on June 25. A 100th birthday party with ice cream and cake will follow in Fellowship Hall.

We also invite you to join us for two more centennial events:

A special worship service and “picnic” at the Bob Mahaffey Shelter in Grandview Park on Sunday, Sept. 10, beginning at 10 a.m.

Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m., at the church. We will be commemorating not only UPPC’s centennial, but also the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

We would love to see our Union Park neighbors and friends at any (or all!) of these centennial celebrations. Questions? Please email Carolyn Rogers at carolynrogers1710@gmail.com

Thank you for helping UPPC celebrate this important milestone!

~ The UPPC Centennial Committee:

Joanne Mahaffey & Carolyn Rogers, Co-Chairs,

Don Crook, John Edwards, Joan Mahaffey & Don Vines

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm
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BECOME A MEMBER / SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Name _____

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

Please send me information about _____