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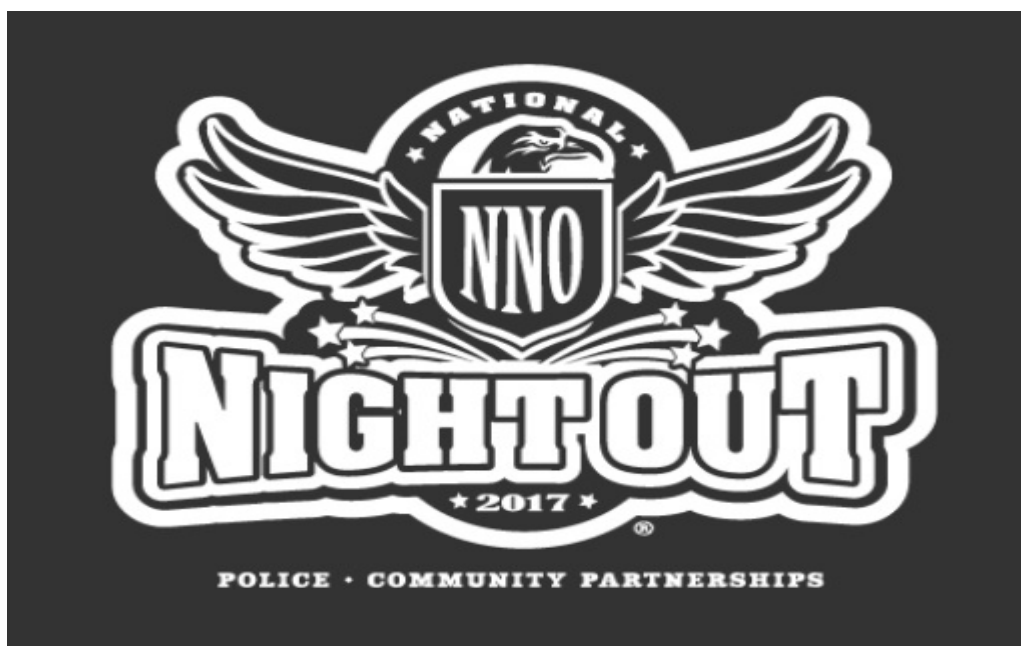
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National Night Out 2017

Join us August 1st from 5:30 - 8:00 PM for the Union Park Neighborhood National Night and Back to School Party event at the Union Park United Methodist Church. Enjoy a cook out, games and socializing with your neighbors. It is confirmed that Zounds the Clown will be there to keep everyone in stitches! Meet representatives from the Des Moines Police and Fire Department. Information for Neighborhood Finance and the Guardian Project will be available. Don't miss this event at 2305 East 12th Street (corner of E 12 and Guthrie St).



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Bikes In The Lot

Join Union Park Health Services in raising funds to support Alzheimer's Association on Saturday, August 12 from 11 to 2:30 at the Union Park Health Services, 2401 East 8th Street. You can show your support by riding your bright and shiny bike to the UPHS parking lot and showing it off for the neighborhood and residents to see. Hot dogs, chips, soda and a brownie will be available for \$5 with all proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association. You can enjoy some popcorn and listen to some great music. Everyone is invited to have some fun for a great cause.

www.unionparkdsm.com - Visit our website for news and information.

Cruise to the Carousel 2017

The 17th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel" will be Sunday, August 27th at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsors the coveted "Carousel Award" and the Heritage Carousel sponsors the desirable "Carousel Choice Award". Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel. Last year Rollin Relics members presented the Carousel with a \$7000 check which was used for maintenance and updating equipment at the Carousel and for 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. Winners of the Carousel Award and Carousel Choice Award will be announced on the Face Book pages for UPNA and the Heritage Carousel.

17th ANNUAL CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL CAR SHOW

August 27, 2017

(Rain or Shine)

Heritage Carousel

UNION PARK

E 9th & Thompson • Des Moines, Iowa

Car Show Charity: Heritage Foundation



Registration: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Voting: Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Awards: 2:30 p.m.



Club members
not in competition

Top 25 in each class
Stock & Modified
~ Participant Vote ~

10 SPECIAL AWARDS
Hood and trunk must be
open to be judged

STOCK CLASS
No More Than 3 Bolt-On
Modifications
(Mag wheels allowed as
one modification)

MODEL CAR SHOW
18 & under ~ 19 & over
FREE (2 cars)

All pre-registered cars will be entered into a special \$100 drawing!
(model cars not eligible)



Pre-Registration:
\$15.00
(until August 13, 2017)

Day of Show Registration: \$20.00



Food - Door Prizes - Auction
Dash Plaques (first 150 only) - 50/50 Drawings

CAR SHOW INFORMATION: Wendell Saunders (515) 988-6902,
Cindy Covalt (515) 265-7197, Ron Patten (515) 210-4027, Show Chairpersons

HERITAGE CAROUSEL INFORMATION: www.heritagecarousel.org

ROLLIN RELICS® FACEBOOK: [rollinrelicsdsdm](https://www.facebook.com/rollinrelicsdsdm)

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Registration Form

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Vehicle: Make/Model _____

Engine _____

Year _____

In consideration of the right to participate, the entrants and their guests, by the execution of this form, releases and discharges the Rollin Relics Car Club, Inc., the City of Des Moines, and anyone connected with the presentation of the Car Show from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgement, and/or claims whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

NO Alcoholic Beverages are allowed in the park by City Ordinance

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return the completed form
along with a check payable to:

Rollin Relics® Car Club, Inc.
PO Box 8061
Des Moines, Iowa 50301-8061

Club completed at show:

Vehicle # _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

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 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.

Bicycle Events in Union Park

Bike Racks - Union Park Neighborhood Association applied for a Polk County grant to install bike racks at the Heritage Carousel and Rocket Slide area of the park. Cement pads were poured this month and the racks have been ordered. The racks are expected to be installed by August. This will make it much easier for people who bike to Union Park to secure their ride while they enjoy the Carousel, Rocket Slide, splash pad or one of the shelters/picnic areas.

Race Like a Squirrel - Once again, this summer we have welcomed our DMOS friends to Union Park for "Race Like a Squirrel". Four races were planned in Union Park this year and there is just one more event left on August 17th from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come to watch and cheer and join in on the fun. The group has all the necessary permits from Des Moines Park and Recreation Department to use the park for this great event. Barricades are set up to prevent vehicular traffic from entering the park during the races. For everyone's safety, please respect the barricades. Stay for the awards ceremonies after the races at Captain Roy's at the Birdland Marina!

For more information: Derek Claussen at bikefree67@gmail.com
<http://www.dmccraceteam.com/dmos-events-and-races.html>
<http://www.usacycling.org/events/flyer.php?permit=2017-1272>

Cyclocross Race in Union Park – The Sukari bicycle racing team is an amateur cycling team that competes in 500 races a year and hosts a couple events. In October, Union Park will be the site for a cyclocross event using grassy areas and some of the street for 1 mile course. This all day event will be spectator friendly and will feature different categories.

About 100-150 racers are expected and about 100 spectators will cheer them on. Hopefully this will be an annual event. Representatives from the Sukari Bicycle Racing Team have been working with the Park and Recreation Department, Union Park Neighborhood Association and Captain Roy's. This event is good for the park and good for the neighborhood. More information will be in our next newsletter and posted on our Face Book page when more information is available.



1900 Saylor Road



Capt' Roys Bike Trail Patio Bar

- 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



FREE!

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Free
**FAMILY FUN AND
ENTERTAINMENT**

**COME CLOWN
AROUND
WITH US!**

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

Clowns at the Carousel
featuring Korn Patch Klowns

CLOWNS, CLOWNS, AND MORE CLOWNS!

**Sunday, August 6
4:00-7:00 p.m. at UNION PARK**

SPONSORS

Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines Metro Credit Union, Korn Patch Klowns, Papa John's Pizza,
Anderson Erickson, Mercy Children's Hospital & Clinic, Safe Kids Greater Des Moines, AllenEdward.com
Des Moines Parks and Recreation, Des Moines Police Department, Des Moines Heritage Carousel Foundation,
Polk County Board of Supervisors, Des Moines Public Schools Community Education, Iowa Department of Public Health,
Union Park Neighborhood Association, Prairie Meadows, Cooper Ice, Lions Club of Iowa, The Iowa Machine Shed



SHELTER RENTALS

Check out the wide variety of facilities available to rent from Des Moines Parks and Recreation for your special event. No matter what kind of event you are planning, there is a venue available that is just the right size. Nine enclosed shelters and 43 open air shelters are available. Some shelters are available for reservation while others are “first come, first serve” shelters. These facilities offer users the perfect location for birthdays, family reunions, baby showers, neighborhood meetings, meal sites and much more. Rentals can be booked up to one year in advance. Facilities fill up fast, so visit dmparks.org to reserve your space now to make sure you get the site and date you want! *(Shelters and Other Facilities were rented 2,121 times in 2016.)*

Riviera Stage at Riverview

The Riviera Stage at Riverview Island came one step closer on July 14 when The Parks Area Foundation Riviera Stage Project was recognized at a luncheon at Prairie Meadows. Polk County Supervisors announced their grant of \$250,000 to the Parks Area Foundation, to aid in the construction costs of the Riviera Stage on Riverview Island. The stage is expected to cost \$1 million to build. Through generous donations and grants, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the needed money has been raised. Construction is expected to start this fall or next spring. The “Riviera Stage” is a nod to the Riviera Ballroom which was built on the Riverview Island in 1940 which was destroyed by fire in 1981. The design of the stage echoes the rails of the rollercoaster at Riverview Park. Riverview Island is under the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department system. Once the stage is built, it will be gifted to the City of Des Moines.

Riverview Amusement Park was in operation from 1915-1978. 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. After it was sold to Adventureland in 1978, it stagnated and declined. Thanks to the Parks Area Foundation, plans were made for a master revitalization project to redevelop Riverview Park into a new public space and entertainment venue. Their focus became neighborhood improvement, cultural preservation, educational opportunities and an attractive family space & entertainment venue. For more information go to <http://riverviewrising.com/> and www.parksareafoundation.org



Rendering of stage. Front and center.

What's Coming Up?

Captain Roy's open Tuesday through Sunday -11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Birdland Marina – 1900 Saylor Road. Closed Mondays.

August 1: National Night Out/Back to School Party at the Union Park United Methodist Church. 5:30 to 8:00. Food, games, Zounds the Clown will entertain

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

August 12: Union Park Health Services "Bikes in the Lot" fundraiser to support Alzheimer's Association. 11:00 to 2:30 at 2401 E8th ST

August 17: Race Like a Squirrel/Des Moines Cycle Club races in Union Park – 5:30 to 8:30 pm

August 22: Union Park Splash Pool Closes for the season

August 25: Cruise to the Carousel sponsored by the Rollin' Relics Car Club at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park

September 12: Union Park Steering Committee and Member Meeting. 7:00 pm at Grand View University

September 14: HOME Inc. 50th Celebration at Ding Darling Shelter 4:00-8:00 pm

STAR PLAYGROUND AT RIVERVIEW PARK

Variety-The Children's Charity announced on July 14th they will begin work on its newest all-inclusive Star Playground in Des Moines located at Riverview Park. The Polk County Board of Supervisors kicked off the campaign with \$50,000 grant.

The Variety Star Playground at Riverview Park will be ramped for accessibility, have a poured in place rubber surface and will provide opportunities for children and adults of all abilities to interact together through play. The playground will include shade canopies, play structures to promote core strength, harnessed swings, a saucer swing that allows children to lay flat to experience sensation of swinging and other additional features.

Variety elected to build the Star Playground at Riverview Park because of the park's centralized location and because it is currently the focus of a revitalization effort. This larger project will transform the park with the addition of an entertainment stage and shelter. Variety hopes the Star Playground project will infuse additional excitement and energy into the park overhaul.

Upon completion, the playground will be gifted to the city of Des Moines. Des Moines Parks and Recreation department will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Ground breaking is planned for spring 2018.

Variety has secured its lead gift through a generous grant from the Polk County Board of Supervisors. Additional funding will be sought through grants, corporate donations and individual gifts.

Variety believes that playgrounds should be thrilling for all children! Providing a playground for children of all abilities to play together helps promote play, healthy physical activity and learning for all children. Outdoor play experiences provide the perfect opportunity to support inclusive play by creating awareness, breaking down barriers and fostering friendships.



SCRUB Days: 3rd Saturdays of Each Month

The last SCRUB event for residents to get rid of junk, appliances, and yard debris is November 18th. SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.

Take junk/appliances to: MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave - 7 AM - 2 PM

Take yard waste to: MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett - 7 AM - 2 PM

SCRUB (Spring Cleanup to Remove Urban Blight) Guidelines:

Residents of Des Moines ONLY: Proof of residency is required; Photo ID or current utility bill

No Commercial Haulers: Commercial Haulers MUST use landfill

Make sure your vehicle has plenty of gas. Disabled vehicles create delays

Vehicle Requirements: Cars, pickups and small trailers are preferred. Large trailers MUST be sponsored by neighborhoods.

Unloading Procedures: Ask where to unload

Plan to unload your own vehicle within 15 minutes. If you will not be able to unload by yourself in 15 minutes, bring additional help to assist you!

Place all items as directed. Clean up your own mess.

Scavenging/salvaging is NOT permitted at anytime.

More information may be found on the City website at

<http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/SCRUBEvents.aspx>

Gold Level Recycling Program

You may have noticed some of your neighbors have a yellow or “gold” lid on their blue recycling Toter. They are SUPER RECYCLERS and they have been rewarded with a Gold Lid for placing the correct recyclables into the blue carts.

When the wrong items are placed in the blue recycling Toter, and makes it to the recycling stream, the contamination costs us \$10,000 a month. Unfortunately almost twenty percent of the blue bins are trash that should go to the landfill. Many people do not know what can be recycled or are simply careless. A list of forbidden/banned items that should NOT be placed in your recycle Toter is on the Public Works website at

www.dmgov.org/DEPARTMENTS/PUBLICWORKS

You can nominate yourself or your neighbor to achieve the Gold Level by going the Public Works website to register for a recycling audit. The City of Des Moines Recycling personnel will check the contents of the cart on your prescribed recycling day and determine if it

qualifies to be on the ‘Gold Level’. Then another Public Works employee will swap out your old blue lid for a new Gold Lid. The Toter must be at the curb for him to do that, so don’t be in a rush to haul it back in if you have requested an audit.

The Gold Lids cost Public Works the same as the blue ones but it is like getting a gold star for those who doing a good job. Every item that can be recycled that doesn’t go to the landfill is a value to citizens, the environment and the community at large. Turn your recyclables into treasure. Gold Lids are awarded to Super Recyclers!



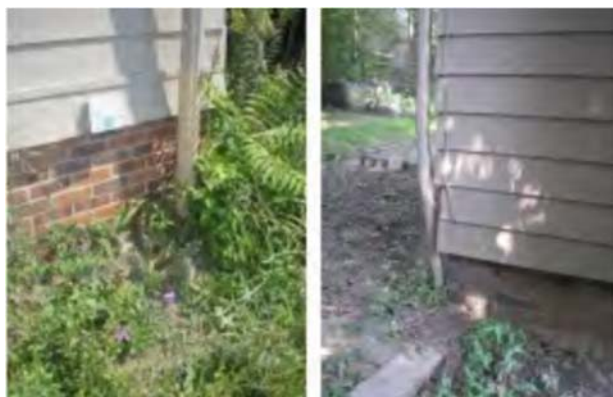
Get Paid to Improve Your Property

This program can help property owners pay the cost of materials and labor for a variety of improvements including foundation drains, sump pump redirections, roof drain disconnections and backwater valve installation. The key elements of the program require:

1. A maximum of a \$1,000 subsidy for 50% of the cost of materials and labor for qualified improvements to existing structures.
2. Improvement must be to an existing home (does not apply to new construction).
3. Work must have been completed no later than June 30, 2023.
4. Items of work deemed eligible are:
 - a. Installation of a backwater valve or sump pump.
 - b. disconnection of roof leaders from the sanitary sewer service.
 - c. installation or redirection of a sump pump to discharge flows from foundation drains and area drains to a non-sanitary sewer outlet, such as a rain garden, storm sewer or the ground surface.
5. You must complete an application and have been approved for the incentive prior to any work being started. Once work is completed; you must turn in itemized receipts to qualify for the incentive.
6. Work must be performed by a licensed plumber.
7. The account for the sanitary sewer fee charges on the property must be current in payments at the time of application.

Applications to the Department of Public Works will be accepted until June 1, 2023. For more information, visit dmgov.org or call the Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 515-283-4950.

First photo shows a roof drain emptying at the base of a house. Second photo shows drain connected to direct the water away from the foundation.



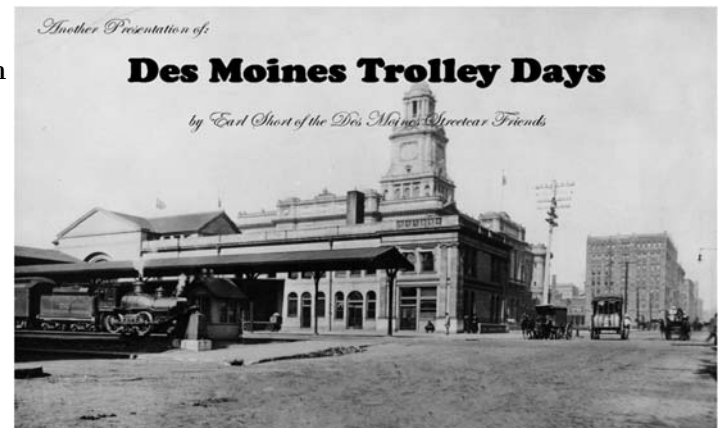
UNION PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A Century Church"

Founded June 27, 1917

Des Moines Streetcar Friends

Earl Short of Des Moines Streetcar Friends will be giving a power point presentation on the E 6th & 9th St DMRY Streetcar Line on September 11, 2017 at the Machine Shed in the "Mansion Room" at 9 a.m.



Continued Improvement of Our Neighborhoods

Des Moines Community Development Department has begun the process to update its Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). It was last updated in 2005. A consulting firm has been contracted to lead the update.

Topics to be addressed in the new NRP include:

- * The current planning process and its effectiveness
- * Conditions of the neighborhoods
- * How PlanDSM, the City's comprehensive plan, and updates to the zoning code will shape neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Then recommendations will be made regarding the neighborhood designation process, managing blighted structures within the NRP strategy, and prioritizing streetscape or corridor projects.



Past successes of the NRP have included the creation of the Neighborhood Finance Corporation, Neighborhood Development Corporation and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund. The program maintains partnerships with neighborhood associations, residents, and businesses advocating change. Last year, the city leveraged approximately \$4 million in housing projects throughout Des Moines. Renewing the NRP will bring more resources to enhance Des Moines' neighborhoods.

SAVE THE DATE

HOME, INC. CELEBRATES

50 YEARS

PLEASE CELEBRATE WITH US

Thursday, September 14

4 - 8 p.m.

Ding Darling Shelter House

Birdland Park, Des Moines

Join us for food and fun as we celebrate 50 years of serving the affordable housing needs in Greater Des Moines. We'll also have trolley tours of recently completed homes in the Birdland neighborhood.

More details to come.

Package and Mail Thefts

More people are ordering things on-line and the packages are delivered to front steps and porches especially during the holiday season. Unfortunately there has been an increase in stolen packages reported. Des Moines Police detectives have solved some of those thefts with the help of cameras in the victim's homes. The thefts have slowed down, but criminals who were successful will continue to attempt to do this. Officers and detectives are aware of the various methods used by criminals and are always looking out while on patrol to curtail the thefts.

To reduce your chances of being a victim of this type of crime, in the future, here are some things you could do:

Have the package delivered to a neighbor you know and trust – someone who will be home during the day to accept it for you.

Have the delivery person leave the package only if they personally deliver it to a resident in the home. Check that you want a signature for the item. That way they cannot just drop it and go.

Another option is to have the package delivered to a back door so it is not sitting out where anyone driving by can see it, stop, and grab it. Although if the criminal is following the delivery truck, they will still see the delivery, so this method is the least secure, but is an option nonetheless.

If you believe you have become a victim of package or mail theft, call police dispatch and make a police report at 515-283-4811.

This and That:

City Notifications: If you would like to subscribe and receive City Notifications, here is the link: <http://www.dmgov.org/Pages/subscribers.aspx>. You can pick and choose the departments and boards and commissions that you want to hear from.

Recycling Schedule -For a handy calendar of curbside recycling collection days, go online to www.dmgov.org/Departments/PublicWorks/Pages/recycle.aspx

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.

Grass clippings in City Streets Create Problems: Grass clipping and other yard debris can clog the city's storm sewer intakes causing street flooding, therefore the City is reminding residents and landscape companies that an administrative fine may be issued for blowing or raking grass clipping and leaves into a public street. The fine is \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense within the same year and \$100 for the third offense.

Solid waste containers (collection carts or "Toters"): All collection carts should be placed curbside by 7:00 am and no earlier than 5:00 pm the day before scheduled collection. Remove all carts from the curb within 12 hours after collection. If for some reason your garbage was not collected, you may call Public Works 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 283-4950.

Electrical Outages: When the lights go out, be sure to report your outage to MidAmerican Energy and encourage your neighbors to call. If you don't let them know, they may not know there is a problem and the sooner they know, the quicker the problem can be resolved. Call 800-799-4443 to report an outage. Or go to <https://www.midamericanenergy.com/outages-storms.aspx>. When reporting an outage on line, you will be asked for the telephone number and address for the account where the outage is occurring. You may be asked if you want to be notified of the progress and estimated time power will be restored.

Show me my house: This online mapping and info system is a one-stop shop for every property owner. Type your address and instantly view a report that shows trash and recycling pick-up day, city council rep info, zoning rules, census data and a wealth of other customized information. The city won a national award in 2013 for the innovative tool. Here is the link: <http://maps.dmgov.org/extmapcenter/AddressLookUp.aspx>

Union Park Neighborhood Association

PO BOX 16113

Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

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 _____
