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Spring General Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 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 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.

Our first guest speaker will be SuAnn Donovan from City of Des Moines Community Development. City Council Member Linda Westergaard will give us an update. John Mark Feilmeyer will report on the community engagement initiative called Spark UP. The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road. There is plenty of parking.



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 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 2019 Lawn of the Week to info@unionparkdsm.com



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19th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel” Car Show

Save the Date August 25, 2019 for the 19th Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show. Each year the Rollin’ Relics car club sponsors this car show to raise funds for the Heritage Carousel to keep the cost of rides for children at just 50 cents and help maintain the Carousel. It is the longest running and largest car shows in Central Iowa.

The 2018 Cruise to the Carousel was held on Sunday, August 26, 2018 with 183 cars registered. Rollin’ Relics handed out 53 awards including the Carousel Award, which went to Dean Archer of Ankeny for his 1946 Super Deluxe Ford Station Wagon. The event raised \$7000 for the Heritage Carousel and a check to the Carousel board was presented on October 1, 2018 at the Rollin’ Relics monthly meeting.



Heritage Carousel

Heritage Carousel will be open Sunday May 12th from 1 to 3 pm as a special Mother’s Day treat. Moms ride free! Get a sneak peak at the new programs at the Carousel this season.

May 18th is Opening Day and First Rider Contest at the Carousel. Be in line by 10:45 for a chance to be the first rider. The new counter will be dedicated prior to the drawing for the First Rider. The new counter will allow for better customer service as well as an improved way to showcase the wonderful, unique Carousel merchandise. Hours on the 18th and 19th will be 11 am to 7 pm. The Carousel opens for the full season May 25.

Season passes are on sale. A family pass (\$45) allows one family (guardian and children) unlimited carousel rides for the entire season. A Grandparent pass (\$45) allows Grandparents and their grandchildren unlimited Carousel rides for the entire season. Child Care Provider passes are \$40 to \$135, depending on the number of kids.

For more information on the Heritage Carousel or to schedule your next party at the Carousel, go to www.heritagecarousel.org.



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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!

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.



Luther Memorial Church to Get a New Look

The cornerstone for the original Luther Memorial Church building was set in 1917 and the church has been an integral part of both the neighborhood and the development of Grand View University ever since. An addition was constructed in 1960 to add classroom space and accessibility to the sanctuary level. Over time, growth in the congregation and mission, plus maintenance issues on the addition, have led the congregation to pursue expansion.

The proposed project will consist of four components:

1. Removal of the existing 1960's addition on the east.
2. Construction of a new east addition that better-expresses the historic structure, provides more flexible gathering space, and increases accessibility with a full-size elevator.
3. Construction of a new addition on the west to provide a flexible contemporary fellowship hall use.
4. Front landscaping improvements that provide a more accessible entrance and better spatial relationship to the adjacent GUV buildings.

The additions total approximately 7,000 square feet and the original church building to remain is approximately 6,000 square feet. The primary material for the additions will be natural stone masonry veneer (exact stone and product to be determined). This material is intended to relate to the historic masonry church building while also lending a more contemporary feel to the additions. Secondary materials on include vertical seam metal panel (back utility spaces), and break-metal accents. Visible through the glass facade portions will be the dynamic primary wood structure of glue-lam beams with steel tension rods.



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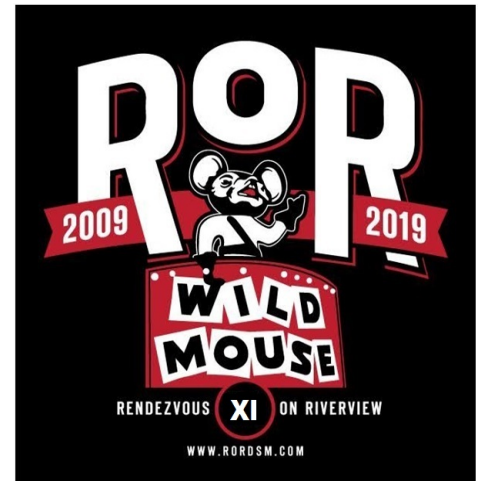
Rendezvous on Riverview 2019

LOCATION for 2019 will again be at Union Labor Park at 4640 Northwest Morningstar Drive, Des Moines, IA 50313. Parking is limited so please take advantage of the free shuttle from North High School provided by Polk County. About 200 parking spaces are available at the Union Labor Park and the Little League is allowing the use of their parking lot. This location is accessible from the bike trail.

Friday night in June and July 5:30 - 9:30 *Happy Hour* 5:30 - 6:30 pm
BAND/ARTISTS listing--- 2019 lineup

6/7 Soul Searchers
6/14 Stuurerin' Jimmy and the Goosebumps
6/21 Son of Gladys Kravitz
6/28 James Biehn
7/5 Stark Raving Madge (Fireworks at dusk)
7/12 Standing Hampton
7/19 Final Mix
7/26 Fahrenheit

Coming in 2020, the new Prairie Meadows Riviera stage and Variety Star Playground. Thanks to all for the support to revitalize the Riverview Park for future generations. Visit WWW.RORDSM.com for more info.



Race Like a Squirrel Returns to Union Park for 2018

We welcome our DMOS Race Team friends to Union Park for "Race Like a Squirrel". Four race dates are planned in Union Park this year on the third **Thursdays: May 16, June 20, July 18 and August 15.** Registration opens at 5:00pm. Racing begins at 5:30 pm and goes until they run out of sunlight. Competition categories are A, B and C for experienced, intermediate and beginning racers. A variety of racing formats, include the crowd pleasing A vs. B Pursuit and the popular and entertaining "Squirrel Race" event at the end of the night where everyone must use their easiest gear to get

around the oval one time. Neighbors are welcome to come to watch and cheer and join in on the fun.



The DMOS Race Team 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. For more information: Team Director Derek Claussen at bikefree67@gmail.com or visit their website dmccraceteam.com

SCRUB Event - Free Drop Off

SCRUB stands for **SPRING CLEAN-UP to REDUCE URBAN BLIGHT**. It is the city's mission to enhance the City's neighborhoods by allowing residents an opportunity to remove yard waste and debris from homes and yards to reduce the blighted areas with the City.

What kind of SCRUB events does the City of Des Moines sponsor?

MEGA SCRUB: An event that is hosted by select neighborhoods within their section of the City. Any Des Moines

Resident may participate.

Transfer Station SCRUB: An alternate drop-off location used for SCRUB events. The Metro Waste Transfer Station is located at 4198 Delaware Ave.

Compost Site SCRUB: A drop off site designated for yard and tree debris during SCRUB events. The Metro Waste Compost Site is located at 1601 Harriett Street.

SCRUB Event Reminders Free Drop off - Delays Possible

Proof of Residency is required - Bring a photo id or current utility bill.

Before each event please review the SCRUB guidelines on the City of Des Moines Website.

MEGA SCRUB's now offer Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. See list of items on the City of Des Moines Website (MEGA SCRUB sites only).

SCRUB'S are free to Des Moines citizens, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.

**City of Des Moines
Department of Public Works
2019 SCRUB Calendar**

Date	Location	Hours
3/15/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
4/20/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
	Hoover High School, 4800 Aurora Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 1 PM
5/18/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
	Polk County River Place, 2339 Euclid Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 1 PM
6/15/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
	Capitol Complex Lot #3, west of E. 14th south of Court Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 1 PM
7/20/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
		7 AM - 1 PM
8/17/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
		7 AM - 1 PM
9/21/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
	Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM
10/19/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM
11/16/19	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave.	7 AM - 2 PM
	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM



Union Park will officially be 125 years old this year. The park was dedicated on July 8, 1896 with much fanfare. UPNA has appointed a committee to plan a 125th Anniversary celebration.

Settlement in the Union Park area began in 1849, when Andrew McFadden Thompson received a land grant from the U.S. Government for 200 acres. Before he died in 1856, he had acquired 1,325 acres in northeast Des Moines along the Des Moines River. (The Thompson name is preserved in one of the most famous tree-lined streets in the city, Thompson Avenue, and a curve in the river known as Thompson Bend, near Union Park).

The original 16 acres of Union Park was acquired by the city park commissioners from the Thompson family and was situated partly in Lee and partly in Des Moines Townships and hence was aptly named "Union Park". Over the years, more land was acquired to encompass 51 acres of park land.

The day the park was dedicated in 1896 was a beautiful day. A municipal July Fourth celebration had been delayed until July 8 because the park was to be dedicated at the same time the town celebrated its 50th anniversary with a golden jubilee. Half a century before, the town of Fort Des Moines had been surveyed and on July 8 the town plat was filed.

A crowd estimated at 20,000 people, about 25 percent of the town's population, was at the park that day. They

came by street cars, carriages and walked to the park.

A land parade began at 9:30 a.m. at the river on West Grand Avenue, winding its way to 12th Street, then back to the river and across to East Ninth Street, then north to Union Park. An hour later a water parade began at the Center Street dam, headed by a fleet of 10 canoes led by "Commodore" Tacitus Hussey and his wife. Next came rowboats, four abreast in squadrons 30 feet apart. The crowd excitedly pointed out the large new steamer, the W.H. Lehman.

A huge picnic was held under the oak trees. In the evening, the crowd was treated to the sight of a bicycle parade of gigantic proportions, featuring 2,000 decorated bicycles. The dedication of Union Park was completed that night with a magnificent fireworks display.

In 1928, many years after the park was dedicated, the park board bought the old home of that early settler, Andrew Thompson. The intended use for the old house was as a pioneer museum, featuring early furniture, tools and artifacts. A visitor fell on a piece of broken cement and, in an action more in tune with modern times, promptly sued the city. Rather than repair it, the city tore the building down. As it was being tore down, the year "1843" was discovered burned into a black walnut beam. Grant Wood painted this house and its site, and a copy of this oil picture can be seen today at Dunn's Funeral Home on Grand Avenue in Des Moines.

At one time, the Thompson family cemetery was situated in the southwest corner of the park, near the corner of East Jefferson and Penn Avenue. The exact location is uncertain but it has been determined that by 1899, the five remains and headstones were moved to Pine Hill Cemetery, north of Des Moines. The headstones are unreadable and the Pine Hill records were de-

stroyed in a fire, but it is certain the final resting places for the five are at Pine Hill.

Union Park had many features, including some not seen in today's park. There was an aviary, greenhouses, gardens, a bathhouse and a bandstand in the center of a manmade lagoon. A beautiful white-painted octagonal pavilion was completed in 1898. The pavilion, once the center of east Des Moines social life, was tom down in 1930.

Many Scandinavian immigrants settled the Union Park neighborhood. They included Norwegian and Swedish immigrants. In 1898 efforts by the East Side Commercial Club, lead by David H. Kooker, persuaded the Danish Evangelical Church in America to relocate their seminary to the neighborhood from Racine, Wisconsin. The institution was renamed "Grand View College" and remains a pillar of the neighborhood to the present day as a University. The integrity of these early settlers and the presence of the college established the neighborhood's deep and abiding respect for education and honesty in government.

During its early days, the Union Park area was known as "Snusville," because of the snuff (or "snus") that many residents favored. During World War II, this moniker was reconstituted as the name of a local newsletter, "The Snooseville Snooper." It contained local news and was distributed to neighborhood men and women serving in the armed forces to keep them in touch with their home and neighbors.

In 1987, neighborhood leaders organized the Union Park Neighborhood Association. This association through its Steering Committee provides leadership and work with city staff to address resident concerns and improve the quality of life within the neighborhood.

This is a compilation of several newspaper accounts and other sources.

Rodine/ Mickle Neighborhood Recognition Awards 2019

For the past 20 years, The Des Moines Neighbors, a coalition of neighborhood associations, has sponsored the annual Neighborhood Recognition Awards, named in memory of Alice Rodine and Robert W. Mickle. Union Park Neighborhood Association was pleased to nominate the following for the three categories. A potluck dinner and awards program was held April 25th at the Ding Darling Shelter. About 50 people were in attendance.

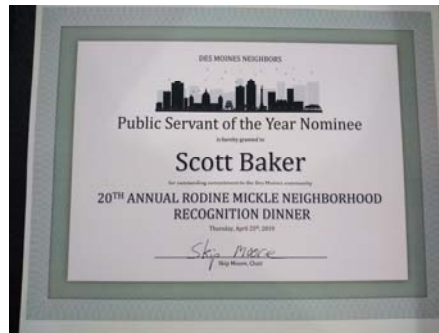
Neighborhood Volunteer: Tom and Yvonne McDermott - for coordinating the UPNA Lawn Of The Week Award program since 2012. They are the best ambassadors for the Union Park Neigh-

borhood. During summer months, they scout the neighborhood for lawns deserving of our green and white signs that proclaim "Union Park Neighborhood Lawn of the Week".

Public Servant: Officer Scott Baker – Assigned to Union Park in 2011, Scott proudly serves as our Neighborhood Based Service Delivery police officer. He truly has the interest of our neighborhood in his heart. He educates us and responds to our issues and concerns. Our crime rate is lower than the neighborhoods around us because of Scott.

Local Business: Home Opportunities Made Easy, Inc. (HOME, Inc.), Pamela S. Carmichael Executive Director –

UPNA honors HOME Inc because of the multitude of investments and services they have provided not only in our neighborhood but in the Greater Des Moines Area. Investments in the neighborhood include acquiring and rehabbing homes, building new homes in the Birdland area, and infilling houses on empty lots – an investment of approximately \$2.5 million just in the Union Park area. They have counseling and education programs that assist landlords and tenants, homebuyers and those facing homelessness. HOME, Inc. is the oldest private, non-profit housing organization in Des Moines.



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Union Park Presbyterian Church

1307 Thompson Avenue

We invite you to join us for worship on each Sunday, at 10 a.m.

Phone: 266-4700

What's Coming UP?

May 14: Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee and Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 16: DMOS Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park starting at 5:30 pm

May 18: Opening Day at the Heritage Carousel 11:00

May 18: Run with the Police 5K Run/Walk starting at 9:00 am. <http://runwithdmpd.com/>

May 18: SCRUB Day at MWA Transfer Station and NWA Compost Center 7AM – 2PM

May 20: DSM City Ride around Union Park. Meet at Captain Roy's at 6:00 PM

May 21: UPNA Spring General Meeting at Ding Darling Shelter at 7:00 p.m.

May 24-25: Iowa Asian Alliance - CelebrAsian Heritage Festival – Western Gateway Park

May 25: Union Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale

May 25: Highland/Oak Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale

May 26: Heritage Carousel opens to the public

May 27: Memorial Day observed

June 7: First Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - 4640 Northwest Morningstar Drive, Des Moines, Iowa. Happy Hour 5:30-6:30. No Coolers, please. ROR moves back to Riverview Island in 2020 on the new Riviera Stage. Soul Searchers band. <https://www.rordsm.com>

June 14: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - Stutterin' Jimmy and the Goosebumps band.

June 19: Juneteenth

June 20: DMOS Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park starting at 5:30 pm

June 21: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - Sons of Gladys Kravits band.

June 28: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - James Biehn band.

July 4: Independence Day

July TBD: Celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the dedication of Union Park

July 5: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - Stark Raving Madge band. Fireworks.

July 9: Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee and Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 12: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - Standing Hampton band.

July 18: DMOS Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park starting at 5:30 pm

July 19: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - Final Mix band.

July 26: Rendezvous on Riverview concert at Union Labor Park - Last concert of the season. Fahrenheit band.

August 4: Clowns at the Carousel

August 6: National Night Out hosted by the Union Park United Methodist Church

August 15: DMOS Race Like a Squirrel in Union Park starting at 5:30 pm

August 25: Cruise to the Carousel sponsored by Rollin Relics

September 10: Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee and Member Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

September 21-22: Latino Heritage Festival Gateway Park, Des Moines

September 28: Fall Festival in Union Park

October TBD: UPNA Fall General Meeting at Ding Darling Shelter at 7:00 p.m.

November 12: Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee and Member Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Union Park Neighborhood-wide Spring Garage Sale May 25th

The Union Park Neighborhood-wide Spring Garage Sale traditionally has been held on the fourth Saturday in May. This is not an organized event so you are on your own. Plan a garage sale and put up a sign on Saturday May

25th. Clean up, clear out, and sell that stuff! If you've been thinking of having a sale, why not have it anyway and be a part of a larger effort?



This and That:

2019 is Union Park's 125th Anniversary. What Is the Name for a 125th Anniversary? "Quasiquicentennial" is the official term used to describe a 125th anniversary. The word is pronounced kwos-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uhl and is a combination of quasqui, which means "one and a quarter," and centennial, which refers to a period of 100 years.

National Night Out – Union Park neighborhood will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th hosted by the Union Park United Methodist Church. They always do a great job and everyone is invited to enjoy the fun and possibly meet city officials, fire and police personnel.

Spark UP – a group lead by John Mark Feilmeyer have met several times to work on ways to increase community engagement among the Union Park neighborhood population. They have come up with a series of initiatives that our neighborhood would enjoy. The concepts will be presented at the Spring Gen-

eral Meeting on May 21st at the Ding Darling Shelter.

Grand View University invites you to attend Grand View athletic, theatre, music or cultural performances for free. Tickets must be reserved to avoid paying admission. <https://www.grandview.edu/about/community/views-forward-project>

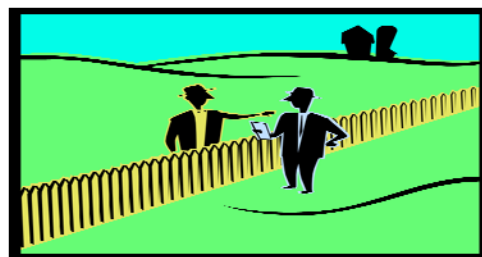
Captain Roy's is open Tuesday through Sunday -11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Located at the Birdland Marina – 1900 Saylor Road. Closed Mondays. See menu on Captain Roy's Facebook page.

Soul Spice is a restaurant that is just across the Union Park boundary at 910 East Hull AVE. Closed Mondays. Open 11:00-9:00 Tues-Sat. Saturday open 11-6. See menu on Soul Spice Facebook page.

Union Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter and membership form is available on our website at <https://unionparkdsm.com/>

We welcome churches to send us their event news! Send to info@unionparkdsm.com. Your event might end up in our newsletter.

UPNA shares our newsletters with all neighborhood associations in Des Moines. Next time your neighborhood does a newsletter, please send yours to info@unionparkdsm.com. We might help promote some of your activities.



Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Spring General Meeting
Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm
Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House
Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

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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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