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Union Park Celebrates 125 Years

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. We will let you know the details later.



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National Night Out Tuesday August 6th

Join us Tuesday, August 6th from 5:30 - 8:00 PM for the Union Park Neighborhood National Night at the Union Park United Methodist Church. They always do a great job and everyone is invited to enjoy food, fun, games and socializing with your neighbors. Meet city officials and representatives from the Des Moines Police and Fire Department. Don't miss this event at 2305 East 12th Street (corner of E 12th Street and Guthrie Avenue).

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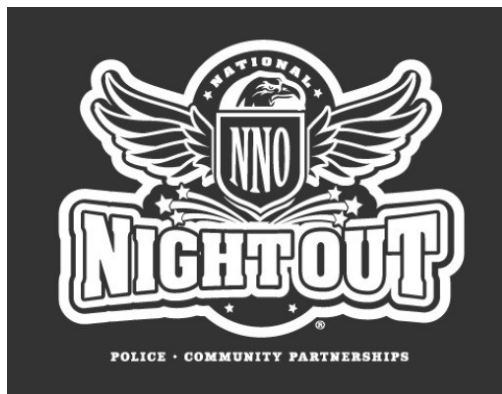
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19th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel" Car Show

The 19th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel" will be Sunday, August 25th 2019 at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsors the "Neighborhood Association Award" and the Heritage Carousel sponsors the "Carousel Award". Rollin' Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel. Last year Rollin Relics members presented the Heritage 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.

19TH ANNUAL CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 25, 2019

(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.

Pre-Registration: \$15.00
(until August 12, 2018)

Day of Show Registration: \$20.00

Food - Door Prizes - Auction

Dash Plaques (first 150 only) - 50/50 Drawings

**All
pre-registered
cars will be
entered into a
special \$100
drawing!**

The Cruise to the Carousel
is presented by the



Club members
not in competition

Top 20 in each class
Stock & Modified
~ Participant Vote ~
NEW THIS YEAR
Muscle Car Class '64-'72

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)

CAR SHOW INFORMATION:

Wendell Saunders
515-988-6902,
Dave Miller
641-751-3908

HERITAGE CAROUSEL INFORMATION:

www.heritagecarousel.org

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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.

Clowns at the Carousel Sunday August 4th

Don't miss the Clowns at the Carousel featuring the Korn Patch Klowns on Sunday August 4, 2019 starting at 4:00 until 7:00 pm. It's all at Heritage Carousel located in Union Park 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue in Des Moines. **Free** Carousel Rides, Music, Games, Juggling, Inflatable Rides, Dancers, Safety Street, Stage Entertainment.



CLOWNS AT THE CAROUSEL
* Featuring the Korn Patch Klowns *

SUNDAY
August 4, 2019
4:00-7:00 p.m.
at UNION PARK
1801 Pennsylvania Ave - Des Moines

FREE
FAMILY FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT

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

MADE POSSIBLE BY
AllenEdward.com, Anderson Erickson Dairy, Blank Children's Hospital, Cooper Ice, Des Moines Metro Credit Union, Des Moines Parks and Recreation, Des Moines Police Department, Des Moines Public Schools Community Education, Korn Patch Klowns Lions Club of Iowa, MercyOne Children's Hospital, Papa John's Pizza, Polk County Community Betterment, Prairie Meadows, Safe Kids Greater Des Moines, Union Park Neighborhood Association

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Get the App:

Download the free myDSMmobile app on your phone or visit online at myDSMmobile.dmgov.org. Use the app to report a wide variety of issues ranging from potholes to street light outages.



Get Involved:

Find your council representative, neighborhood services information, trash/recycling pickup day and more at findneighborhoods.dmgov.org. Stay connected to your local government with dm.gov.org, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter

Portion of Rocket Slide Closed

On April 24, 2019, the Parks and Recreation Department announced that a portion of the iconic Rocket Slide in Union Park is closed indefinitely for repair. The fiberglass/paint is peeling off the large slide portion of the Rocket Slide. The remaining parts of the structure will remain open. With the slide being over 40 years old, replacement parts are non-existent and must be fabricated. The Rocket Slide was closed in 2014 for repairs on the other slide and it took several months. They do not have a timeline for repairing the slide this time either. Meanwhile please enjoy the other parts of the Rocket Slide structure. Parks and Recreation appreciates your patience and will provide updates as the project progresses.

The popular Astro City Rocket Slide was installed in the last 1960's or 1970's during the height of the space race and is more than 100 feet long and 32 feet high. It was produced by the Miracle Equipment Company in Grinnell. The Rocket Slide in Union Park has become a north side landmark.

In 1992 the Rocket Slide was saved

from being torn down due to safety concerns. Students and neighbors rallied to save it. Two young girls petitioned the City Council to consider another option. That was when Alvin Warren, an employee of the city of Des Moines, made necessary phone calls. The City Council gave him 30 days to make repairs. Warren organized volunteers to donate time and companies donated supplies. Work went late into the night for several weeks and Rocket Slide was saved. Warren was thanked by being awarded a key to the city for his contribution to saving the historical city icon. Warren died in March 2010. A red oak tree was planted near the Rocket Slide in his honor.

In 2001, \$45,000 was budgeted for repairs and refurbishing to bring the structure up to Consumer Safety Index Guidelines. Although no changes were made to the design, the entire structure was sand blasted, painted and fitted with new fasteners. Among some of the minor modifications, the slides were changed to fiberglass and a rubber mat was installed at the base of the slide.



Portion of Rocket Slide Closed for Repair

The final cost was \$75,000.

In 2011 the rocket slide received a new rubber surface around the structure and it was painted in the same manner it was when it was new.

Union Park is located at 2009 Saylor Road. The 51 acre park also is home to the splash pool, shelters, flower gardens and the Heritage Carousel.

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

Des Moines Zoning Code Ready for Review

Over the last 18 months, City staff reviewed all comments regarding a previous public review draft of The Des Moines Zoning Code and worked to prepare revisions for the proposed code.

A public hearing draft of the proposed code, a tentative schedule of upcoming meetings, previous comment log, a zoning map application and additional in-

formation are now available at www.plandsm.org for your review. Please note that there are nearly six-months of public meetings/hearings planned before a new zoning code can become effective.

You are also invited to attend the **Public Information Meeting** regarding the Public Hearing Draft on **June 5, 2019**

from 6-8 PM to learn about the proposed code and ask additional questions. The meeting will be held at the: Des Moines Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Michael Ludwig, AICP Planning Administrator City of Des Moines

Enjoy Piano Music at Captain Roy's

Piano New location: Captain Roy's at Birdland Marina. Sponsored by Neighborhood Development Corp, Cynthia O'Brien and Mike Fitzpatrick. We are stoked to announce our new location at Captain Roy's. This will be our first piano on the east side of DSM and also on the River. Captain Roy's is a home for cyclists and live music, so we will also be right at home! It is going to be a fun summer!

Since 2014 City Sounds have brought public pianos to the metro Des Moines area during the summer (May-October) outdoors and indoors (November -April) at Mainframe Studios as part of "City Sounds: Des Moines Public Piano Project"

https://www.facebook.com/pg/dsmpianos/about/?ref=page_internal

The Betty Duncan Dynamic Women Award

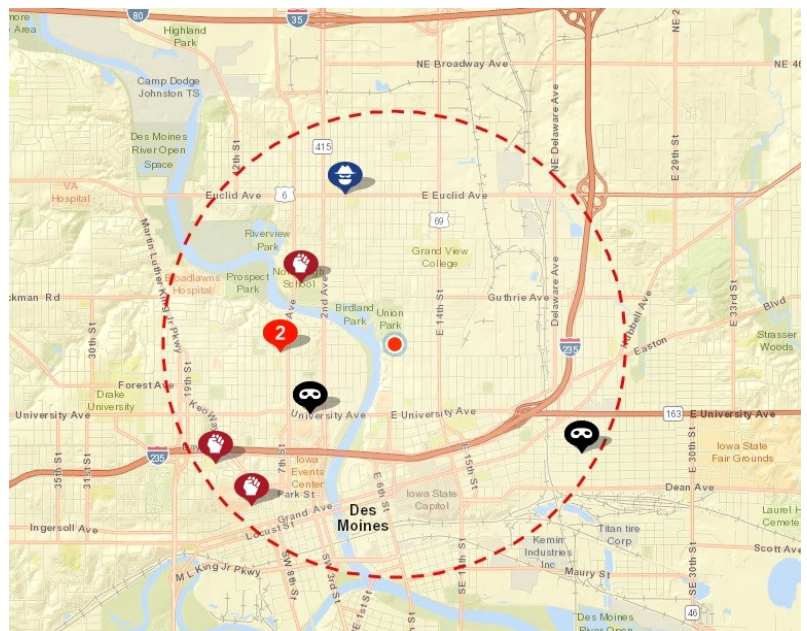
The Betty Duncan Dynamic Women Award is sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Avenue Library and honors women who quietly go about making our community better and who have a positive impact on those around them. This year, four women were honored on Thursday March 28 2019 at the Forest Ave Library. This year's honorees are Debra Carr, Nikki Hayter, Cynthia Hunafa, Valerie Madison, and Joann Muldoon. It was most rewarding listen to their stories. Valerie Madison lives in the Union Park area and has been involved in neighborhood groups for years. Valerie is a charter member of Northeast Neighbors and Friends. Valerie was honored for her work as a Girl Scout Leader for nearly 50 years. Thank you, Valerie for your service.



CrimeMapping

CrimeMapping is a handy way to know the statistics of the crimes committed near your home. You can receive alerts on a wide variety of crimes. At our UPNA meetings, Officer Baker provides a summary of statistics from this resource. This is a good way to see what is going on near your home.

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



Parkapalooza Returns to Union Park

Parkapalooza is a free night of neighborhood fun for people of all ages with inflatable games, food, crafts, music, and drama. Event goes from 6-8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend! You do not have to live in the neighborhood to attend.

Sponsored by Grace Church of Des Moines, a family friendly church. These events are hosted to share the love of Jesus Christ and give back to the community. The church is located at 4200 East 25th Street Des Moines. Learn more about Grace Church at Gracehome.com or call the Grace Church office at 515-265-0199



New and Revised City Website Tour

Do you use the City of Des Moines website? The website recently underwent an update and while all the information is still there, it looks a little different. It is a “responsive” website which means that it is now easy to use on your computer, phone, tablet, or mobile device.

Learn more about the new city website by attending a Neighborhood Summit sponsored by Linda Westergaard and Northeast Neighbors and Friends. The Summit will take place on Saturday, June 8 from 10:30 am to noon at the East Side library, 2559 Hubbell Ave. Your tour guide for the revised city website will be Al Setka, Communications director for the City of Des Moines.

Whether you are a veteran user or didn't even know that Des Moines had a website, you'll leave the Neighborhood Summit with a lot of useful information.



2019 Parks and Recreation Program Guide

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department was established in 1892 and is responsible for the management of over 4,000 acres of land and 75 parks across Des Moines.

We offer numerous programs in the areas of sports, urban conservation, environment education, sport instruction, volunteerism, rentals and special events.

For more information about our upcoming programs and special events see our [2019 Spring and Summer Program Guide](#).





UNION PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRESENTS THE



“IT STILL RUNS” CAR SHOW *BROKEN BUT NOT WRITTEN OFF*

June 22nd 2pm to 4pm

2305 E 12th St

The corner of E. 12th & Guthrie

3 Categories

\$75 cash prize for each category



PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD



MOST CREATIVE PATCH JOB



MOST DENTS



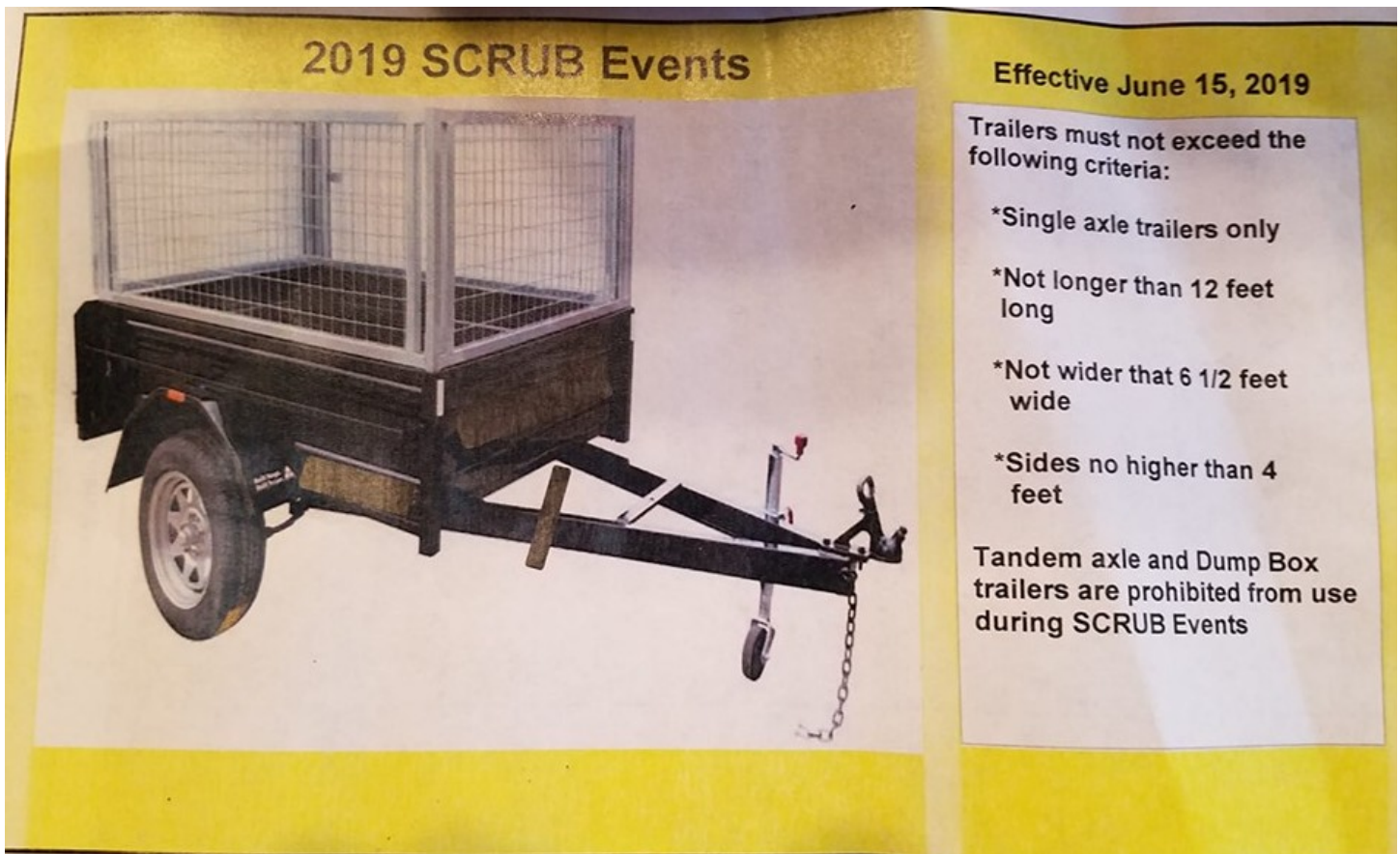
All cars must be road worthy!

REGISTRATION DUE BY 2PM JUNE 14TH

1ST 25 CARS ONLY!! NO ENTRANCE FEE

**TO REGISTER: SUBMIT NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL
ALONG WITH MAKE, MODEL & YEAR OF CAR AND A BRIEF
MEMORY OR WHAT MAKES YOUR CAR SPECIAL TO UNION
PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
email.office@unionparkumc.org**

SCRUB Day Requirements



SCRUB = Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight

SCRUBs are held the 3rd Saturday of each month; March thru November from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. [View SCRUB calendar](#). SCRUB'S are free to Des Moines citizens, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation. SCRUB Event Reminders Free Drop off - Delays Possible

Before each event please review the [SCRUB guidelines](#).

MEGA SCRUB's now offer Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. [See list of items](#). (MEGA SCRUB sites only)

User Requirements

Proof of residency is required. Photo ID or current utility bill.

Residents of Des Moines only.

NO commercial haulers. Commercial haulers MUST use landfill.

Vehicle Requirements

Cars, pickups and small trailers (12' maximum).

Trailers must be single axle, no longer than 12', no wider than 6.6', with sides no higher than 4' high. (no dump box trailers of any size.)

Unloading Procedures

Free drop off - delays possible

Ask where to unload.

Plan to unload your own vehicle within 15 minutes.

Place all items in dumpsters or compactors as directed.

Clean up your own mess.

Items of Interest

Scavenging/Salvaging is NOT permitted at any time.

Refurbishing items – bikes may be referred to the [Des Moines Street Collective](#) at 506 E 6th St. For a complete list of items for recycling, visit [WhereItShouldGo.com](#) or consult your local Yellow Pages.

Spark UP

Spark UP Committee lead by John Mark Feilmeyer have been meeting to work on ways to increase community engagement among the Union Park neighbors. The principles they use to guide them are 1. Engage the wide group of neighbors and 2. Encourage conversation and relationships and fun. The initiatives they came up with were presented at the Spring General Meeting on May 21st at the Ding Darling Shelter. Here are the ideas that were presented in order of popularity.

- Holiday Lite UP
- Block/Yard Party
- Union Park Happy Hour
- Union Park Neighborhood Welcome Wagon
- Thompson Avenue Trick or Treat
- Union Park Bike tour
- Union Park Saturday Coffee
- Neighborhood Recognition

The next task for the Spark UP committee will be to determine how to implement the most popular ideas and get people involved.

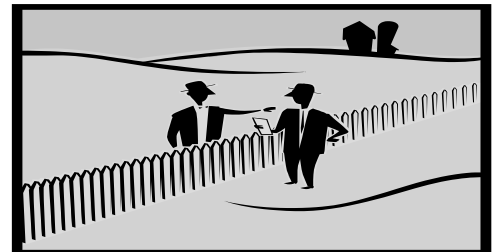
This and That:

A reliable source has told us that the old Quick Trip at East 14th and Thompson will become a laundromat. Work has been in progress for the last couple months, raising speculation as to what is going in there.

The 2019-2020 Street Improvement and Maintenance Program which includes work scheduled by the Engineering and Public Works Departments for the 2019-2020 construction season. This document

will be available on the City's web site beginning Tuesday, May 28th. <https://www.dsm.city/departments/engineering-division/design-and-construction.php>
Lea Ann Vaughan (515) 283-4931

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>



Good Neighbor Tip:
Be Kind!

Say "Hello!" to your neighbors. Get to know the people on your street. Look after them and they'll look after you.

Union Park Neighborhood Association

PO BOX 16113

Des Moines , IA 50316-9402

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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 _____
