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Fall General Meeting

Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM

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

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The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.



Our first guest speaker will be Polk County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith. SuAnn Donovan from City of Des Moines Community Development and City Council Member Linda Westergaard will each provide us with updates. Pam Carmichael will discuss the Thompson Avenue Treat initiative. Bring a bag of candy to the meeting for the Thompson Treat event. Election of officers.

The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road. There is plenty of parking. Light refreshments will be provided.



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Candidate Forum



Northeast Neighbors Inc. is sponsoring a Candidate Forum for Mayoral, At Large, 2nd and 4th Ward candidates on Thursday October 24th at the Hy-Vee Euclid Room, 2540 Euclid, from 7 to 9 pm.

You are encouraged to take part in this forum. Be sure to vote on November 5, 2019

Union Park 125th Anniversary Celebration

Union Park is 125 years old! 2019 marks the 125th anniversary of Union Park and a celebration of this anniversary will take place on Saturday, September 28th. This anniversary celebration will coincide with the City of Des Moines Parks Department Fall Family Fun Fest; to create a full day of celebration and excitement inside of the park. On the day in which the park was inaugurated in 1896 there was a bicycle parade that ran from the East Village of downtown Des Moines to the park and in similar fashion that is how this 125th birthday celebration will start.

There will be a bicycle ride from Union Park to Peace Tree Brewing downtown and then back to Union Park via the bicycle trail, which will then culminate and end with a bicycle parade around the south loop of the park. Any children participating will have an opportunity to decorate their bicycles for this bicycle parade. We will then have a free hot dog feed and some opportunities to explore old maps and historical documents chronically the history of Union Park. A guided "History walk" will also take place around the park to discover some of the

historic areas and places that have been inside Union Park over the last 125 years.

The Fall Family fun fest will host a Trik-a-thon, food eating contests, inflatables, DJ, Face painter, Police and S.W.A.T Vehicle and K-9 Dog, and fire truck.

The schedule for the 125th Anniversary celebration is below:

Bicycle Ride and Parade

11:00-Bicycle ride from Union Park Gazebo to Peace Tree Brewing, with a bike ride back to the park for the Parade

11:30 - Decorating for kids bicycles who want decorated bicycles for the parade

12:00 Parade around the south loop of the park ending up the hill at the carousel and Swanson shelter

Free Hot dogs

12:30 - Free hot dog and drinks near the Swanson Shelter

History Display

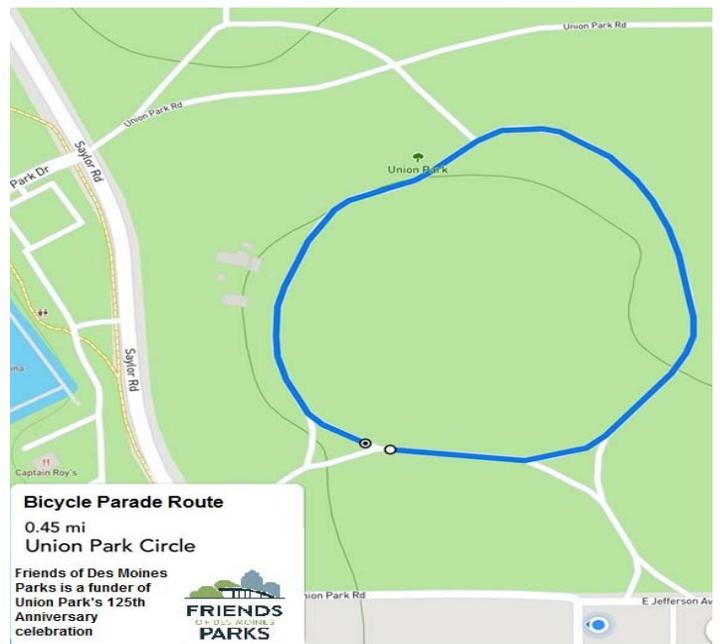
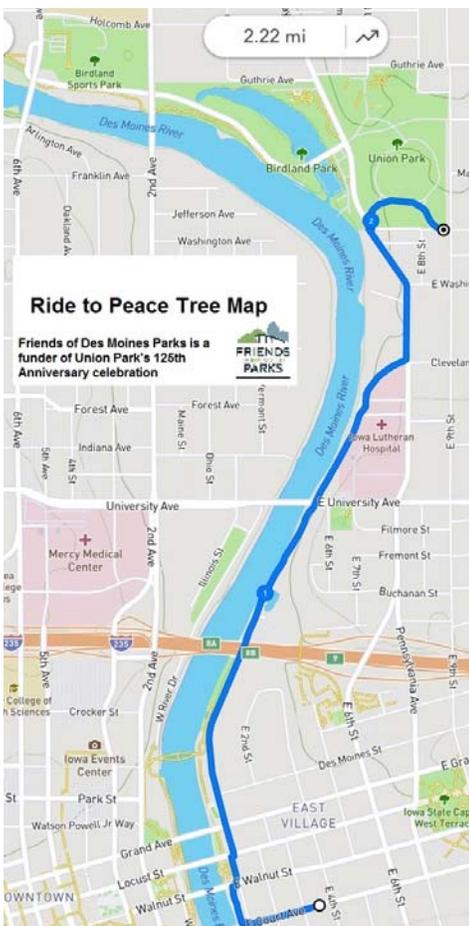
12:30-4pm - Historical documents and articles about Union Park in the Swanson Shelter

History walk

2:30 History walk around the park with Steve Nelson-Vaux and Brian Messenger

This event is on Facebook: fb.me/DSMUnionPark125th

Friends of Des Moines Parks is a funder of Union Park's 125th anniversary celebration. *By James Riley*



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.

Lawn of the Week Award

The Lawn of the Week Awards program continues! Because of the continued beautiful weather, lawns in the area are still being awarded yet this season. 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 2019 winners will be honored next spring at the Spring 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 Lawn of the Week to info@unionparkdsm.com



Yard Party on October 18th



Union Park neighbors are invited to our 2nd 2019 Yard Party on October 18th, starting at 6:00 to 10:00 at James and Rachel Riley's 2411 East 9th. This one is a Chili Cook-off yard party. If you want to participate in the chili cook-off, bring chili. Otherwise bring a side to share.

Bicycle Corner

The Sakari Cyclocross Race is returning to Union Park in December. This is a big event and they were last here October 2017. Watch our Facebook page for more information to come.

Be sure to participate in the bicycle and tri-cycle events offered on September 28 at the Fall Family Fun Festival and Union Park 125th Anniversary celebration.

The DMOS "Race Like a Squirrel" season is done for this year but they had great weather for all five Races. (DMOS stands for Des Moines Orthopaedic Surgeons). We welcome them back in 2020. Follow them @dmccraceteam

On May 20th, a bunch of bicyclist of all ages and abilities met at Captain Roy's and explored the Union Park area on a slow, leisurely 10 mile ride through the neighborhood. Learn more at DSMCityRide.com

Union Park Neighborhood Association has installed bicycle racks at the Heritage Carousel and Rocket Slide so our friends who bicycle to Union Park may lock their bikes and take a stroll and enjoy the amenities of the park.

It has nothing to do with bicycles, but the Dam to DSM race went through Union Park on June 1, 2019. Also the St. Paddy's Half Marathon went through Union Park on March 16th in which 375 people participated.

Thompson Treat

Union Park Neighborhood Association is working with Spark UP on an event for Beggars Night called THOMPSON TREAT. Beggars Night is Wednesday, October 30 from 6-8 pm. Can you help?

Each year Thompson Avenue (between E. 14th and Glenbrook) has 200 to 300 Beggars that visit on Beggars Night. We are asking neighbors on Thompson Avenue to Host a candy site. As a Host we are asking you to turn on your light and give out Treats. We know that requires a lot of Treats but ----- we can help by giving you the Treats.

Thompson Residents, if you don't want to actually hand out the Treats----- can we use your driveway? We have Union Park Neighbors who would be happy to sit in your driveway, near the sidewalk to give out Treats.

All Union Park Neighbors you can help by donating Treats (unopened bags of individually wrapped candy) or getting your lawn chair and passing out Treats. If you are coming to the October Neighborhood meeting please bring a bag of candy for the Thompson Treat.

If you are interested in helping or learning more about the event please contact one of the following Thompson Avenue Residents:

- Pam 1504 Thompson
515-262-1170
- Steve 1500 Thompson
614-660-2739
- Brandon 1500 Thompson
515-943-2447

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

By Pam Carmichael

Thompson Treat!

October 30, 2019

We need at least 25 neighbors to turn on their porch light for Beggars' Night! Driveways are also needed for neighbor ambassadors.

You can help by passing out candy, volunteering your driveway, or making a candy donation.

Contact us to volunteer your driveway, to donate, or if you would like extra candy.

Pam Carmichael 515-262-1170
pscarmichael@homeincdsm.org

Sponsored by the Union Park Neighborhood Association

October 30

Beggars' Night, the greater Des Moines area's annual tradition of children trick-or-treating and telling jokes, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Fall Family Fun Fest

The Second Annual Fall Family Fun Fest sponsored by the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department will be Saturday, Sept. 28 in Union Park from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A fun filled day is planned for the whole family including an inflatable obstacle course, inflatable slide, Rocket Slide and bounce house, a DJ, a face painter, the Police SWAT vehicle and K-9 dog, a fire truck, the Rocket slide and Heritage Carousel (Rides 50¢/person).

Special activities start at 1 p.m. with a Trikathlon for 8 years old and un-

der - ride, run, splash. Starting at 1 p.m. kids will race through the park on a pre-measured course. Participants are encouraged to bring their own trike and all will receive participation medals. This is a new activity and just part of the lineup. The cost is 10 dollars to participate. Register Here: <http://bit.ly/FFFFtrikatholon>

At 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. watch our food eating contests at Captain Roy's. Participants can only enter one competition as part of this day. Each competition will be six minutes in length with the person finishing all food

(Papa Keno's Pizzeria Drake) placed in front of them first or consuming the most amount of that food in the time allotted will be declared the winner. Event is free but participants must pre-register online here: <http://bit.ly/FFFFFeatingcontest> Winners will receive a generous prize pack and the spectators are welcome to come cheer them on!

Be sure to check out the events for the Union Park 125th Anniversary celebration on the same day.



Fall Family Fun Fest | Union Park | Sep. 28 | 1 to 4 p.m.

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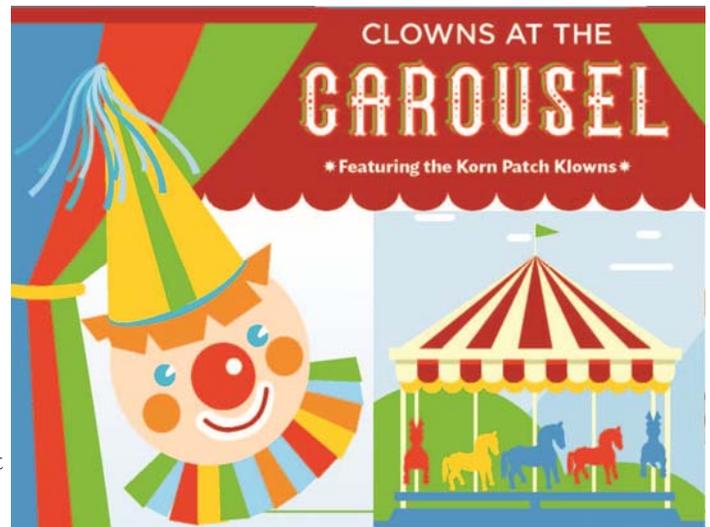
Union Park Presbyterian Church
1307 Thompson Avenue

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

Phone: 266-4700

Clowns at the Carousel

Clowns at the Carousel was Sunday, August 5th. “Bestest ever! What an amazing day we had!!” said Debbi Cooper (AKA Clickette), organizer of the event. The weather was great for August and attendance was up from years before. A few facts for you: Well over 1500 people attended the event. Over 1200 free rides on the Heritage Carousel (Sponsored by Mercy One Children’s Hospital) were given. Volunteers handed out 2211 cups of water and lemonade, 45 bottles of water and 56 bottles of Gatorade. They gave out 2500 bags of popcorn, 378 cups of yogurt, 2500 pieces of pizza and 180 granola bars. There were inflatables, Safety Street, 400 bike helmets were given away, free clown noses, music, games, juggling, dancers, stage entertainment and of course, clowns, clowns and more clowns. Thank you to the Korn Patch Klowns, their sponsors and all the volunteers for this annual event. Kids have been enjoying this feature since 2003. Save the date, August 2, 2020, for the next Clowns at the Carousel!



Cruise to the Carousel

The 19th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel” was Sunday, August 25th at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the coveted “Neighborhood Association Award” this year which was awarded to Randy Schaffer of Mitchellville and his 1964 Falcon Future.

Proceeds from the show support The Heritage Carousel and help keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. Rollin Relics usually presents the Carousel with at check in November. A big “Thank you” goes out to all who supported the show by organizing, entering, donating to the event and/or attending). The Rollin’ Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel.



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Church Chat

Union Park Baptist Church at 821 Arthur Avenue has a new name. It is now known as The Church at Union Park.

Union Park United Methodist Church at 2305 East 12th Street is hosting a FREE meal for the Des Moines Community every FOURTH Monday of every month. Come eat, meet the community and enjoy each other's company; all for free! We also have a FREE bread pantry! Feel free to come and take as much or as little as you need.

Union Park United Methodist Church at 2305 East 12th Street is having their Fall Rummage Sale, October 3, 4 & 5. Thursday and Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Saturday from 9:00 AM to noon. Saturday is a sack sale. Beef Burger Lunch is served 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Thursday and Friday for only \$6. Also October 30th is the Safe Harvest Party from 6-8 pm. All are welcome to join in for a safe, fun, good time with cookies, drinks, games, prizes and lots of fun.

Union Park Presbyterian Church, 1307 Thompson Avenue. You are invited to join in on Reformation

Sunday, October 27, at 10 a.m. Worship service will feature a piper playing the Great Highland pipes, and church members wearing traditional Scottish attire. Followed by coffee, treats and conversation.

Union Park United Methodist Church at 2305 East 12th Street is having a Safe Harvest Party on October 30th from 6-8 pm. All are welcome to join in for a safe, fun, good time with cookies, drinks, games, prizes and lots of fun.

The Union Park Grace Fellowship Church at 832 Grandview Avenue is having their annual Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:30. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, dressing, green beans, 2 salads, rolls/butter, pie and drink all for \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 5 thru 10. Kids under 4 are free. Meals are also available for carry out and delivery by reserving your meal by calling the church office at 262-4555 or 779-3638 no later than November 7, 2019. Also check out the Bazaar and Bake Sale at the church from 2:00 until 6:30 p.m. The church is located on the corner of East 9th Street and Grandview Avenue.

Union Park United Methodist Church hosted the 2019 National Night Out on August 6th in their parking lot and lawn at 2305 East 12th Street. Once again, everyone enjoyed great food, fun, games and socializing with neighbors. City officials stopped by, while Des Moines Police and Fire Department representatives played hoops with the kids. School backpacks with supplies for children went very fast. Over 200 people attended and the food was all gone by the end of the evening.

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



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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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