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# Hull Avenue Revitalization Meeting

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## Change is coming!

Planning efforts are underway to kick start revitalization efforts at the E. 9th and Hull Avenue intersection in the Union and Highland Park Neighborhoods. Please join us on April 7th to have your thoughts and ideas heard. City and local development representatives will be in attendance to lead a discussion and seek public feedback.

### Date and Time:

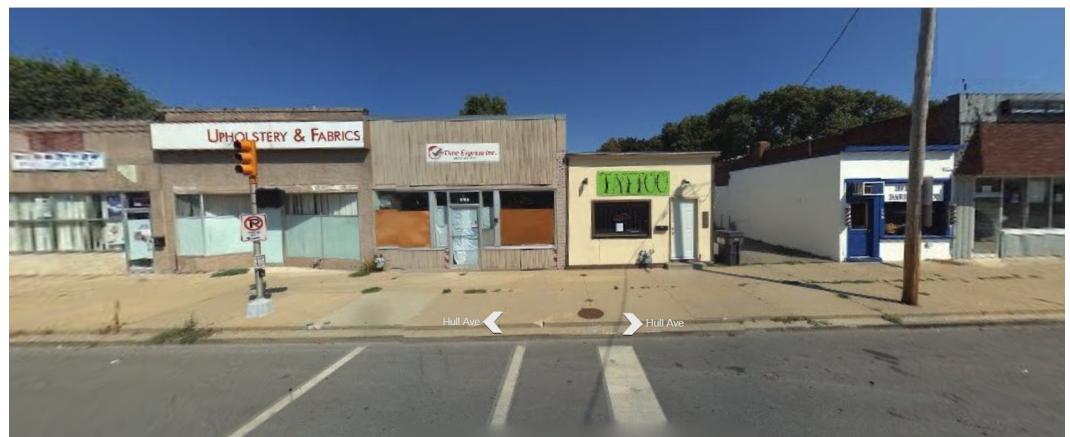
Thursday Apr 7, 2022  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT

### Location:

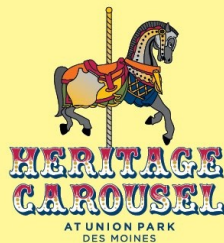
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# SPRING EGG HUNT IN UNION PARK



10:00 – 10:15  
10:00 – 10:30  
10:30 – Noon

Gather and Divide into Age Groups  
Hunt Eggs  
Carousel Rides & Photos with  
the Bunny



*Plastic eggs will contain candy, toys, Carousel ride tokens  
and admission tokens to the Botanical Center!*





## Clowns at the Carousel August 7th - Save the Date

Save the date: Clowns at the Carousel will be Sunday August 7th, starting at 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It's all at the Heritage Carousel located in Union Park of Des Moines. This annual event is held during National Clown Week and features the local Korn Patch Klowns. Bring the kids.

Don't miss this free and exciting event.



## Carousel Early Bird Season Passes Discounted

### There's Still Time!

Discounted Early Bird Season Passes to the Heritage Carousel are still available! Purchase online by April 15 and get your Family or Grandparent Season Pass for just \$39. The pass allows free admission all season long.

A Family Pass allows one family (guardian and children) unlimited Carousel rides for the entire season. A Grandparent pass allows Grandparents and their grandchildren unlimited Carousel rides for the entire season.

Purchase your 2022 Heritage Carousel Season Pass online today at <https://mkt.com/the-heritage-carousel-of-des-moines>.

### Heritage Carousel Accepting Rental Reservations!

Looking for a great place for your family reunion, birthday party, or special gathering? Look no further! The Heritage Carousel is currently accepting reservations for 2022 rentals.

The Carousel is available for private rentals and for rentals during our regular season hours. Rent for an hour or the entire day!

For more information on rates, please go to [https://www.heritagecarousel.org/rental\\_info.html](https://www.heritagecarousel.org/rental_info.html) or send an email to [information@heritagecarousel.org](mailto:information@heritagecarousel.org)



# 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 Suppporter 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.

## Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB) Days 2022

<b>March 19</b>	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriet Street	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Avenue	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>April 16</b>	MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriet Street	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Avenue	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
<b>May 21</b>	MWA Compost Center 1601 Harriet Street	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
	MWA Transfer Station 4198 Delaware Avenue	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
	<b>[MEGA SCRUB]</b> Polk County River Place 2309 Euclid Avenue	7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For guidelines and restrictions, visit [DSM.city/SCRUB](https://www.dsm.city/SCRUB) or call (515) 283-4950.

## Confused about holiday garbage collection?

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

When the holiday listed below falls on a weekday, the garbage and yard waste collections will be delayed one day for the rest of that week.

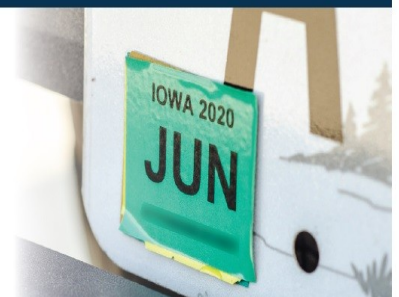
New Years Day  
Memorial Day  
4th of July  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

Holidays not listed will not cause collection delays.

**Example:** Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, so Thursday collection moves to Friday, and Friday will move to Saturday

## Avoid a Parking Ticket 101

Did you know it's a violation of Des Moines Municipal Code to park a vehicle on a city street or on city property without the license plate displaying the current registration sticker? Registrations may be renewed during the month before and the month after the registration month (normally the birth month of the registered owner). To avoid a parking ticket, apply early, and immediately put the sticker on your plate when you receive it. Remember, the sticker shows the month and year it expires.





## Lawn of the Week Award 2022

The Lawn of the Week Awards program continues in 2022! The Lawn of the Week Awards program started in 1992 by the UPNA Steering Committee, to identify and honor front yards that exhibited both good landscape design and consistent quality of yard maintenance.

Yvonne and Tom McDermott are the Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators. During the summer they 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”. Sometimes the sign is left in the yard for a little bit longer if the McDermott's get busy.

Although there is not a formal process for this award, nominations are appreciated and gratefully accepted. Yvonne says that they follow up on nominations that are submitted by friends and neighbors but sometimes the owner does not respond when contacted. The owner's approval is needed before a sign can be put in the yard. Contact with the home owner will be by phone, letter or email only. Please send your suggestions for a 2022 Lawn of the Week to [info@unionparkdsm.com](mailto:info@unionparkdsm.com)



## Save the Date: National Night Out August 2, 2022

National Night Out (NNO) will be returning to the traditional date on the first Tuesday of August in 2022. We are happy to announce that NNO will once again be hosted by the Union Park United Methodist Church, 2305 East 12th Street (corner of E 12 and Guthrie St) in their parking lot on August 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. They always do a great job and everyone is invited to enjoy food, beverages, fun, games and prizes and socializing with your neighbors. Meet city officials and representatives from the Des Moines Police and Fire Department. Don't miss this fun event.



# PARTY LIKE ITS EASTER 2022!



## ***ANNUAL CHILDRENS EASTER PARTY***

**Saturday, April 16th - 11am to 1pm**

THROW OPEN THE DOORS!

### **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*2305 E. 12th Street  
(on the corner of E. 12th & Guthrie)*



*Games, Tattoos and a free Hot Dog Lunch!!  
Come and take your Picture  
with the Easter Bunny!*

*Fun for the Entire Family!*

*For More Info call :  
Union Park UMC Office at 515-262-3734*



# RUMMAGE SALE



Union Park  
United Methodist Church

2305 E. 12th Street  
(On the corner of E. 12th & Guthrie)

Spring



Thursday, April 7th 10 AM-5 PM  
Friday, April 8th 10 AM-5 PM  
Saturday, April 9th 9 AM-12 PM

**MERCHANDISE INSIDE  
THE CHURCH AND GARAGE TOO!!**

Pie & Coffee—\$5  
Served Thursday & Friday 10-4pm

Lots of clothing, books, toys,  
miscellaneous items

**And the Bake Sale Is Back!**

Don't miss it!



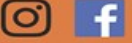
For More Info:  
Call Union Park United Methodist Church at 262-3734



**CAPTAIN ROY'S**  
 1900 Saylor Road  
 at Birdland Marina

**OPEN FOR LUNCH DAILY**

Closed Mondays


Union Park Presbyterian Church,  
 1307 Thompson Avenue.

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 ship on each Sunday, at 10 a.m.  
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### Ride for Fun and Support the Trails

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Annual Ride takes off from Principal Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30. The 20-mile trail ride travels to Gray's Lake and Easter Lake, then returns to the ballpark. Proceeds will fund fix-it stations along the trails. All registered adults are entered to win a Giant bike valued at \$515, courtesy of Bike World.



#### FEES

Adult Ride: \$35 per adult before April 30 | \$50 on-site  
Youth Ride: \$5 for ages 5 through 17 | Children 4 and younger are free

The registration fee for adults includes a t-shirt and refreshments at a rest stop along the route. The registration fee for youth does not include a t-shirt.

Don't want to ride but still want to be a part of the day? Volunteer! If you are interested in helping the day of the event, contact our team at [ParksVolunteer@dmgov.org](mailto:ParksVolunteer@dmgov.org).

For more information and to register, visit [dmparks.org](http://dmparks.org).

### Council Meeting Dates

**Mondays • 5 p.m.**

[DSM.city/CouncilMeetings](http://DSM.city/CouncilMeetings)

March 21	April 4	April 18
May 9	May 23	June 13

### UPNA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

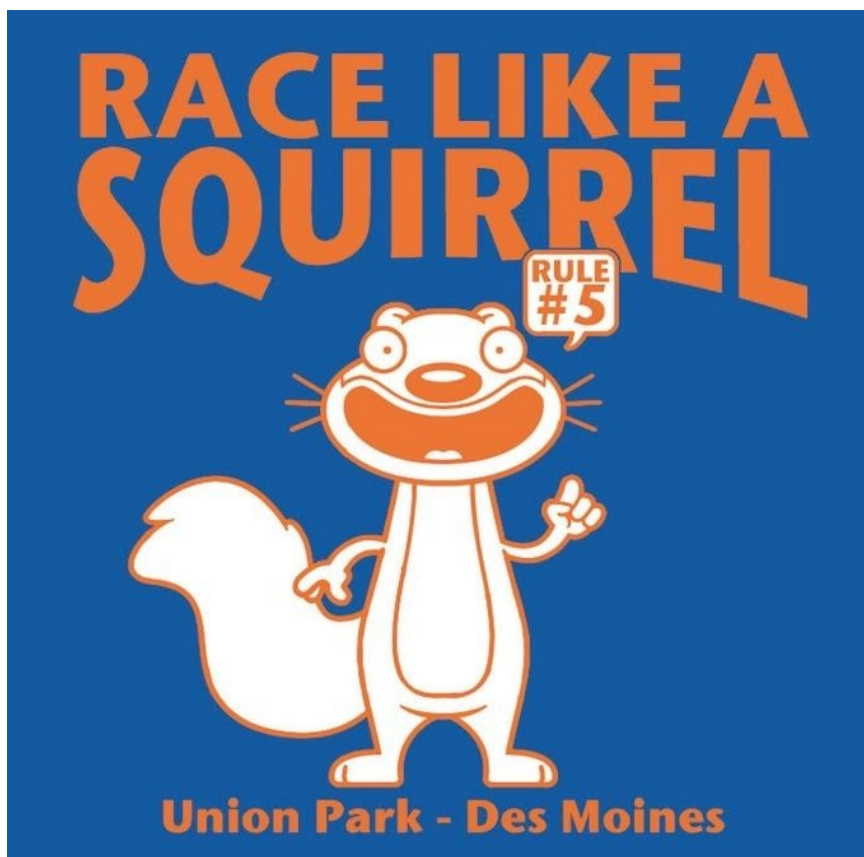
The Union Park Neighborhood Association Spring General Meeting will be in May 2022 at the Ding Darling Shelter. Date and speakers To Be Announced in the next newsletter.

# RACE LIKE A SQUIRREL APRIL 16 IN UNION PARK

In past years, Race Like A Squirrel has been a series. This year, it will be one grand day!

Race Like A Squirrel, an event offered by DMOS Racing Team, offers multiple opportunities to compete in short races of varying formats lasting 5-20 minutes. Races will take place on the half-mile loop at Union Park at 725 Thompson Avenue, Des Moines, IA. Some of the races that have made an appearance in the past include a Scratch Race (first across the line wins), an Elimination Race (the person in last place is removed from the race each lap until only one racer remains), and a Points Race (a sprint is held every other lap with 3, 2, and 1 point award to the top 3 finishers in the sprint. The winner of the race is the one to

have the most points at the end.). There may be also be an individual or a team time or a team pursuit or a fastest lap contest. And we always finish with the Squirrel Race! (One lap in lowest possible gear combination.) We are planning to have 5-6 races for each category, and everyone races together in the Squirrel Race.



Not a racer, but interested in watching? This is a great event for spectators!

Link to Registration: <https://www.bikereg.com/race-like-a-squirrel>

Online registration available until April 14, 2022. Onsite Registration also available beginning at 8:15 AM.

Men- \$25

Women- \$20

Juniors- \$10

USA Cycling license required. One day licenses will be available on site for \$10.

Prizes: Swag/gift cards for 1st-3rd place finishes of each race in each category.

Parking Details: Park alongside the southern arms leading to the Circle, off Penn Avenue and East Jefferson Avenue.



## ADOPT A HERITAGE CAROUSEL ANIMAL

The Animal Adoption process is underway for 2022. If you have not adopted before, and are interested in participating in this program, please email us at [information@heritagecarousel.org](mailto:information@heritagecarousel.org).

Naming rights to the animal of your choice is for the season on a first come first serve basis.

It is fun for families, a thoughtful memorial, or a terrific way for your business to be acknowledged as a donor.

Your name along with the name you choose for the animal will be displayed above each Carousel animal that you adopt for the season.



**LEAD HORSE (Row 5, Outside)**

**"McFarland"**

**Adopted by**

**Union Park**

**Neighborhood Association**



## TINY TREE PROGRAM 2022

The Tiny Trees Program began in Des Moines in 2017 and since then has provided tens of thousands of free trees to Des Moines residents for planting on private property to help Des Moines grow its urban canopy and reap the many benefits that trees provide to our residents like lower heating and cooling costs, increased stormwater retention, increased property values and increased use of the outdoors.

Each Year, Des Moines residents are able to request up to five FREE individual trees from the Forestry Division.

With this free program, we are making it easier than ever for you to increase our urban tree canopy by planting trees on your property. Des Moines residents can order up to 5 of these fast-growing shade trees for FREE at [DSM.city/TinyTrees](https://DSM.city/TinyTrees) until April 29th.

This year, Tiny Tree pickup is May 14 at Polk County River Place (2309 Euclid Ave) from 8 am to noon.



## Union Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale May 28th

The Union Park Neighborhood-wide 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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?





## WHAT IS SPARK U.P.?

We are a group of Union Park neighborhood residents who have gathered together to create some events that seeks to foster a sense of community and relationship in our neighborhood. Some of the activities we have planned for this year include the Spring Egg Hunt featured in this newsletter, yard parties, Thompson Treat, chili cook-offs, a porch-fest, and another Christmas at the Carousel.

All Spark UP committee planning meetings are open to anyone who wants to help plan events. The meetings are informal. Let us know you are interested in helping us plan by sending us an email and we will hook up.

Or just come to one of our events. Everyone is welcome. Events will be announced on the UPNA Facebook page and in the UPNA newsletter. Send us an email at: [info@UnionParkDSM.com](mailto:info@UnionParkDSM.com)



## SAVE THE DATE

### 21st ANNUAL CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL CAR SHOW

SUNDAY AUGUST 28th

(Rain or Shine)

**Heritage Carousel**

**UNION PARK**  
E 9th & Thompson  
Des Moines, Iowa

Car Show Charity: Heritage Foundation

*The Cruise to the Carousel  
is presented by the*



## DID YOU KNOW?

Thompson's Bend & Union Park was named for Andrew McFarland Thompson, a pioneer settler who staked claim to 1,400 acres in 1848 along the east side of the Des Moines River between Center Street dam and 6th Avenue. The area became popular for excursion steamers, canoeists and rowers. Boat houses and bath houses lined the river banks along Thompson's Bend in the late 1800's. In July of 1896 for the City of Des Moines and Polk County's 50th birthday, 20,000 people lined the river banks and celebrated with parades of 7 steamers, 40 row boats, and 9 canoes. The last remaining 14 acres of the Thompson Farm became Union Park on that day.

Tacitus "Tac" Hussey - (1832 - 1919) was a prominent Des Moines leader, conservationist and avid river man. In 1892, Hussey and his friend Walter Weatherly paddled 135 miles over seven days on the Des Moines River from Humboldt, IA.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, development in the Union Park area included many Scandinavian immigrants. With their enjoyment of chewing snuff, the area was eventually named Snusville.

As the city grew, a trolley system was established. At one time, the Union Park area line ended at the intersection of East 9th Street and Hull Avenue. It was called the "end of the line".

When Veterans began returning from WWII, residential construction continued on, north of the East 9th and Hull Avenue location, and the trolley/bus end of the line moved north a few blocks to Wright & Euclid Avenue. Many of these new homeowners/Veterans found employment at the Firestone Plant on 2nd Avenue, as well as the John Deere Plant, which was the old WWII Ordnance Plant in Ankeny.

One of the businesses that grew at the end of the line was the Hull Avenue Tap, one of the oldest operating businesses in the area. Over the following years, Don Johnson Pharmacy, Marvin's Market, Freddie's Shoe Shop, and a city library branch occupied some of the building that make up the East 9th & Hull Avenue business area. Across the street included, Dr. Shutt's practice, Avalon Theatre, Cardinal Cleaners, Bill Thompson's Highland Real Estate office and close by, Kerry's Drive Inn Restaurant.

During this time, Grandview College was founded in this area.

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# Union Park Neighborhood Association

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## BECOME A MEMBER / SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

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**Yearly Dues: Three levels of Membership:** \$10.00 Family membership, \$25 Supporter, \$30 Business

We accept cash or checks only

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All memberships are due on January 1st of each year.

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