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Spring General Meeting Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM

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

The UPNA Spring General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House in Birdland Park.

We have two interesting guest speakers. Jamie Fitzgerald, Polk County Auditor, will talk to us about recent changes to the election laws. SuAnn Donovan, Deputy Director, City of Des Moines Neighborhood Services, will share information on the City's newest program: Improving Our Neighborhoods (ION). City Council Member Linda Westergaard will give us an update. The Spark Up Committee will report on several of their community engagement initiatives such as the upcoming PorchFest.



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

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 28th. 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?



SCRUB DAYS

SCRUB stands for SPRING CLEANUP 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 within 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. SCRUB dates and hours are posted on the SCRUB Calendar

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 dates and hours are posted on the SCRUB Calendar

SCRUB Event Reminders Free Drop off - Delays Possible

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

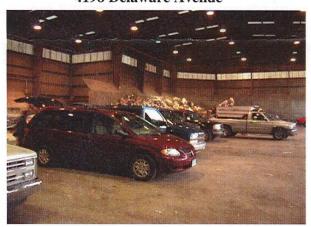
Before each event please review the SCRUB guidelines.

MEGA SCRUB's now offer Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. <u>See list of items</u>. (MEGA SCRUB sites only)

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

Questions - If you have questions about SCRUB events, please call 515-283-4950.





Trash

1601 Harriett Street



Yard Waste

UPNA

Meeting Invitation

The Union Park Neighborhood Association holds a Spring and Fall General Meeting. We also have bi-monthly board/member 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.

City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2022 SCRUB Calendar



Date	Location	Hours
5/21/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. County River Place, 2309 Euclid Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
6/18/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
7/16/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Capitol Complex Lot #3, W. of E. 14th south of Court Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
8/20/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
9/17/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St. Bell Avenue Business Park, 1901 Bell Ave. [MEGA SCRUB]	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 1 PM
10/15/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
11/19/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM



Block Challenge Grant Application Cycle Opens May 1, 2022

The City of Des Moines is offering a citywide Block Challenge Grant Program for a second year. The Block Challenge Grant Program improves the exterior physical condition of properties located within the City of Des Moines, brings neighbors together to build a sense of community pride, and creates momentum for larger, more impactful property improvements.

Funding is available to assist between 100–150 program participants or 10–30 teams. The City of Des Moines will provide up to a 50% matching grant of up to \$2,500 per household depending on team size and location within the City. Households that receive income-based assistance may be eligible for a higher match.

The next grant cycle opens May 1, 2022. It's time to solidify your team! Download and share the BCG Flyer with neighbors.

Eligibility Requirements

- Properties must be located in the City of Des Moines.
- Properties must be exterior improvements, at least partially visible from the street.
- Applicant must be homeowner on record or have written permission from owner.
- Each property must be within eyesight from the front door of one other participating property

Eligible Projects

Types of repairs that are eligible for include:

- Porch and soffit repair
- · Paint for siding and trim
- Exterior lights
- Flower boxes
- Front doors and/or windows
- Sidewalk repairs
- · Front yard landscaping
- Mailboxes
- Shutters
- Junk and debris removal and disposal





Restoration, repair, and painting of façade and trim. Restoration of stucco and restoration/repair of trim. 2021 Block Grant Challenge program participant.





Replaced four cement porch steps, 2021 Block Grant Challenge program participant

The Block Grant Application cycle opens May 1, 2022, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until September 30, 2022, or until funding is exhausted, whichever is first. The application process is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gather inspiration from the <u>projects completed during the 2021 Block Grant Challenge cycle.</u>

Visit <u>www.dsm.city/bcgrant</u> to review eligibility requirements, process overview, policies and procedures and frequently asked questions.

ROR Concert lineup...







Polk County Health Receives HUD Grant

The Polk County Health Department received a \$3,455,000.00 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This grant is dedicated to protecting children and families from the dangerous hazards of lead-based paint in the home.

"Lead paint was banned from residential use in 1978 and is the primary source of lead poisoning in lowa. Two-thirds of Des Moines' housing stock was built before 1978," said Helen Eddy, Polk County Health Department Director. "In Polk County, we estimate 60,000 homes still have significant lead hazards."

Lead is a highly toxic metal that can cause a range of health problems, especially in children under the age of six. During these years, children tend to put their hands and other objects, which may be contaminated with lead dust, into their mouths. When lead is absorbed into the body, it can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs, like the kidneys, nerves and blood.

for a Healthy Future

Children can also be exposed to lead when families renovate their older home without utilizing lead safe work practices. Lead paint is also still used in other countries. Children who have lived in or visited these countries may be lead poisoned. lowa Department of Public Health recommends all children are tested for lead at 12 and 24 months of age.

Children who live in an older home need to be tested more frequently. This test can be done with your primary care physician or at a local Health Department.

"As parents and guardians, we need to be thinking about lead poisoning and where our child spends most of their time," said Eddy. "The child may live in a newer house but if he or she spends significant time at daycare or at their grandparents, they still could be at risk for lead poisoning if the home was built before 1978."

If your child lives in or spends significant time in a home built before 1978, the Polk County Health Department can help. This HUD grant was awarded so that we can help protect children and families from the hazards of lead-based paint and from other home and safety hazards. The program works with families who have a home built before 1978, have children under the age of six who live in or visit the home and meet income eligibility requirements to remove interior and exterior lead hazards from the home.

Please note that any home where the child spends a significant amount of time may be eligible. The child does NOT need to have an elevated lead level to qualify for the program. If you are interested in this program, please contact

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Alley Maintenance

Do you live on an alley? Do you know your responsibilities for maintaining the alleyway? It's the responsibility of the property owner bordering the alleyway to maintain the vegetated portion of the alleyway to ensure it is both passable and clean.

Check out the flyer below or refer to City Code (Chapter 102 Section 102-2) at the link for more information on border maintenance.

https://bit.ly/3rZ6pyc

Call Public Works 24/7 customer service line with any questions: (515) 283-4950



The City of Des Moines has been voted one of the best places to live. Please help us keep it beautiful and accessible by maintaining the border area of your property between your property lot lines and the curb lines on the street and the alleyways.

Alleyway Maintenance

Border Maintenance



Maintain Alleyways

Maintain vegetated portion of alleyway bordering your property line to the standards listed in Sec. 102-2 of the City of Des Moines Municipal Code (see back page).



Fines

1st Offense: \$100 2nd Offense in a mow season: \$150 3rd and succeeding Offenses: \$200





Permitted Uses

The abutting property owner may intentionally plant grass flowers, shrubs and plants (excluding trees) in the border area subject to restrictions (see back page).



Questions?

Review the back page for specific alleyway maintenance codes or contact City of Des Moines Public Works Section Chief Matt Webb at 515-237-1377.

Des Moines Public Works

The Public Works Department and its five divisions exist to operate, maintain and improve the infrastructure of the City and provides essential services to the community.



24/7 CUSTOMER SERVICE: 515-283-4950

Spring Egg Hunt in Union Park!

The **Spring Egg Hunt** In Union Park was on a beautiful Saturday morning on April 9th. This event, was sponsored by the UPNA Spark UP Committee. Hundreds of kids took part in the hunt and after the egg hunt, over 550 free carousel rides were offered. Even the Easter Bunny took a spin! It was a joy to see so many people enjoying the day in our park. The Spark Up Committee worked many hours getting everything ready. Best part was getting a hug from the Easter Bunny!







Spring Egg Hunt in Union Park!









Carousel News

Opening Day

Opening Day for the Heritage Carousel will be Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 AM. To celebrate opening for our 24th Season, rides will be free all day. We will also have all our merchandise available for purchase, including some fun new t-shirt colors. Season passes will be available as well.



Regular season hours will be Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am



to 7 pm through August 21 and then weekends through September. The cost of a child's ride is still just 50 cents and adults ride for \$1.

The Heritage Carousel is owned and operated by the Des Moines Carousel Foundation, a 501 c 3 not-for profit.

New This Year

New this year to the Heritage Carousel will be a Frequent Rider Rewards Card. Purchase the punch card for \$10 and once all the rides have been taken, it can be redeemed for \$5 off your

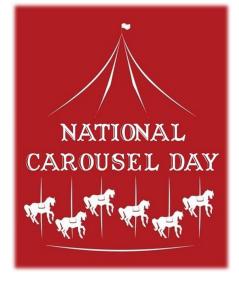
purchase at Captain Roy's. The card has 21 punches equaling 20 rides for children and 10 rides for adults plus one free ride. A huge shout out to Captain Roy's for partnering with us on this fun new offer!



National Carousel Day is July 25 and this year it falls on a Monday. The Carousel is usually closed on Monday but we want to celebrate National Carousel Day with you. So, we are planning a National Carousel Day Celebration for Monday, July 25, 2022 from 4 pm to 7 pm. If you would like to help plan this fun event, send an email to information@heritagecarousel.org and we will get you involved!

Watch our website, <u>www.heritagecarousel.org</u>, and Facebook page for event details!

Help Wanted Did you ever think it would be fun to work at the Heritage Carousel? Now is your chance! We are looking for part time Carousel Operators to work this summer. You must be at least 18 years old, be an independent, self starter with some retail experience preferred. If this is you, go to www.heritagecarousel.org and fill out an application or send an email to Jackie at information@heritagecarousel.org





Día del Niño (Day of the Child) at the Carousel

Día del Niño at the Carousel was April 30th from 10 to noon. Although it was a cold day, everyone dressed warmly. Free carousel rides, piñatas, crafts, community resource tables, hands on activities and more were enjoyed by about 500 people. Día is an international celebration of the joy found in early childhood and reading. This year, the Des Moines Public Library and its community partners celebrated together, including Des Moines Fire, Police and Public Works departments. They even brought some of their vehicles for the kids to see up close. Literacy and STEM stations were available throughout the event for kids of all ages. A walk through bilingual story walk (*I Can/Yo Puedo*) was very fun and local artist, Linda Eclatt from 515 Prints, led a community art project for kids. Did we mention free carousel rides? About 800 free rides were provided!











Rollin' Relics Present Check!

The Des Moines Rollin' Relics Car Club presented a check to the Heritage Carousel for \$10,000. Each year, the club sponsors the Cruise to the Carousel car show at Union Park and all proceeds from the show are donated to the Des Moines Carousel Foundation. The 2021 donation is the largest since the show began in 2000.

The Des Moines Carousel Foundation is extremely grateful to have the ongoing support of the Rollin' Relics. Donations to the Carousel help with the maintenance of the carousel and the building and allow us to keep the cost of a child's ride at just 50 cents. The Carousel could not continue to operate without the generous support of donors.

You can make a donation to the Carousel by going to https://the-heritage-carousel-of-des-moines.square.site/





Grand View University Names Keck As 14th President

For the first time in its 125-year history, Grand View University's president will be a woman. **Rachelle Keck**, currently president of Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, was announced today as the 14th president of the Des Moines liberal arts college. She was selected from among four finalists named by Grand View's board of trustees.

The announcement brought cheers and a standing ovation from a packed auditorium of students, faculty and administrators inside Grand View's Student Center. Keck will succeed Kent Henning, who announced his retirement last year, effective July 1.

Keck, 52, is an lowa native and has been president of Briar Cliff since July 2018. Before that position, she was executive vice president and university counsel. She was previously the executive director of philanthropy and alumni relations at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, and director of planned giving at the University of Iowa Foundation.

At Briar Cliff, Keck led the expansion of academic programs and developed a comprehensive campus master plan. She also led several key fundraising initiatives centered on academics, athletics and campus beautification. In addition, the use of technology both in and out of the classroom has expanded, the endowment has grown, enrollment has increased and grant dollars applied for and awarded have increased during her tenure. She also brings extensive strategic budgeting and organizational leadership experience to Grand View.

"Rachelle is a proven leader with a collaborative, entrepreneurial and transparent leadership style that will serve Grand View well," said Chris Littlefield, chair of the board of trustees. "The board was impressed with her demonstrated ability to effectuate constructive institutional change while improving student success, enhancing communication and shared governance, cultivating strong relationships, advocating for higher education, and fundraising for institutional needs. The board unanimously agreed that Rachelle was the best candidate to serve as Grand View's next president and to lead Grand View through its next exciting phase."

Keck graduated from Wartburg College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, after which she earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in education from Drake University. Keck began her career as a prosecutor before establishing her own law firm. She also served on the Wartburg College Board of Regents, where she developed a passion for higher education

Keck said she is deeply rooted in lifelong learning, and being named Grand View's president is "absolutely a dream come true."

Grand View University shines as a visionary leader in the field, she said.

"Our entrepreneurial mindset, our critical location in the largest and fastest-growing city in the state, our connection to business and government, as well as the notable acumen and dedication of our faculty, staff, alumni and board have and will continue to be vital elements of Grand View University's ongoing success."

Keck said she is committed to innovation and excellence as well as diversity, equity and inclusion, and shared governance. She said she is eager to meet and to listen to the faculty, students and more than 21,000 alumni of the university, and to work together to develop shared goals.

Keck will continue to serve as Briar Cliff's president and secretary of its board of trustees through June, according to a press release from Briar Cliff University.

"Dr. Rachelle Keck has an opportunity to once again be located close to her loved ones and return to the area her career first began," wrote Mark Ward, Briar Cliff board chair. "On behalf of the board and Briar Cliff University community, we want to thank Dr. Keck for her years of service, visionary leadership, and the impact she has made during her tenure. We wish her the very best."

Grand View Buys Former Eastgate Property

By Business Record Staff

Grand View University has purchased 17 acres of the former Eastgate Plaza site, paying \$3.1 million for the northeast Des Moines property, Polk County real estate records show.

"We are excited to acquire the Eastgate property and to be part of the rebirth of the northeast side of Des Moines," Kent Henning, Grand View president, said in a prepared statement.

Grand View University is located at 1200 Grandview Ave., less than a mile south of the former shopping center site. In 2014, the university purchased former bowling alley property at 3839 E. 14th St. that was adjacent to the shopping center. The bowling alley was upgraded and now houses the university's wrestling program.

"We always had plans to upgrade and utilize the remaining space in and around the former bowling alley," Henning said in the statement. "Having additional land [that is adjacent to the Viking Events Center] simply means we will be able to dream bigger."

The purchase comes more than a month after the Des Moines Plan and Zoning Commission approved a request to change the zoning on a portion of the site to allow construction of a medical office building. In addition, city officials have said they are reviewing plans for a Burger King that would be located at 1500 E. Euclid Ave.

The property on the northeast corner of Northeast 14th Street and East Euclid Avenue was once home to Eastgate Plaza, an open-air center anchored by now defunct department stores including Younkers, Sears and Ardan's.

Over the years, movie theaters, bowling lanes, a grocery store and night clubs were also located on what was originally a more than 40-acre site.

Florida developer Norman Weinstein, manager of Eastgate Plaza LLC, bought most of the Eastgate property in 1998 with hopes of reviving the dying retail center. Weinstein's efforts to attract bigname retailers to the site were unsuccessful.

Henning, who is retiring this summer, said in the prepared statement that Grand View does not yet have detailed plans for the property it acquired.

"Our main campus is landlocked," he said. "With the continued growth of our athletic programs, we anticipate the need for future expansion of athletic facilities."







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Name	
Address_	
9-digit zip	code
Form is al	so available on our website at www.unionparkdsm.com
Phone (optional)	F-mail

Yearly Dues: Three levels of Membership: \$10.00 Family membership, \$25 Supporter, \$30 Business We accept cash or checks only

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/Colepw2005@gmail.com

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

If you do not have a printer, that is ok. Just write your contact information on a piece of paper and enclose it with your check or cash and mail to

UPNA Treasurer, PO BOX 16113, Des Moines, IA 50316-9402

Your information is always kept private. We do not sell or give your information to ANYONE.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES: The Union Park Neighborhood Association consists of the neighborhood from Hull Avenue on the north, the railroad tracks (Glenbrook Drive) on the east, Washington Avenue on the south and the Des Moines River and Second Avenue on the west.

