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## Fall General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM**

The UPNA Fall General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2022 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 Angela Connolly. Then, Ward 2 City Council member Linda Westergaard will bring us up to date on city and neighborhood issues. Our final guest speaker will be Lee Wheelock from Parks and Recreation Department who has a really great presentation on the history of the rocket slide in Union Park. Please bring a bag of candy to the meeting for the Thompson Treat event. The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road.



## THOMPSON TREAT – Can you help?

The Beggars Night event called THOMPSON TREAT will be Sunday, October 30 from 6-8 pm. Each year Thompson Avenue (between E. 14<sup>th</sup> and Glenbrook) has 200 to 300 Beggars that visit on Beggars Night. Thompson Avenue neighbors turn on their front light and give out treats. They go through a lot of treats so we are asking for help.

For those coming to the October Fall General Meeting, you can help by bringing a bag of candy for the Thompson Treat.

Thompson Residents, if you don't want to actually hand out the treats, we have helpful Union Park neighbors who would sit in your driveway, near the sidewalk to give out treats. All Union Park neighbors can help by donating treats (unopened bags of individually wrapped candy) or getting your lawn chair and passing out treats. If you are interested in helping or learning more about the event please contact one of the following Thompson Avenue Residents:

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# Thompson Treat!



**October 30, 2022**

**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**

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## 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.

## CLOWNS AT THE CAROUSEL

The 19th<sup>th</sup> annual Clowns at the Carousel, held August 7<sup>th</sup> was another big success! It is always held during the International Clowns Week.

"We estimate about 1,000 children and their families attended" said Debbi Cooper (AKA Clickette), organizer of the event. Jackie Cacciatore, Director of the Heritage Carousel, said 645 rides were given this year, more than last year.

About 400 bike helmets were given away. Volunteers handed out 1880 cups of water/lemonade, 50 bottles of water and 42 bottles of Gatorade (people were thirsty). They gave out 400 bags of popcorn, and 214 pizzas were consumed. Snow Cones were popular as 800+ were given out. Fruit was a big hit as 400 apples and 400 bananas were distributed. There were inflatables, Safety Street, music, games, juggling, dancers, and stage entertainment. Ten talented clowns were on hand to make people laugh. All this was accomplished with a crew of just 27 volunteers

Thank you to the Korn Patch Klowns, their 14 sponsors and all the volunteers for this annual event. Kids have been enjoying this feature since 2003. Save the date, Sunday, August 6, 2023, for the next Clowns at the Carousel!





## CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL - Neighborhood Award

The 21th Annual "Cruise to the Carousel" sponsored by the Des Moines Rollin' Relics was Sunday, August 28th at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. It was a little damp in the morning but turned out to be a great day. Nearly 100 cars entered the show with many new entries this year. They were all spectacular. The event was well attended and auction donors made the day a big success. There were many great pieces of car art work and buyers were willing to spend! Cash sponsors are always welcome. The show needs your support every year .

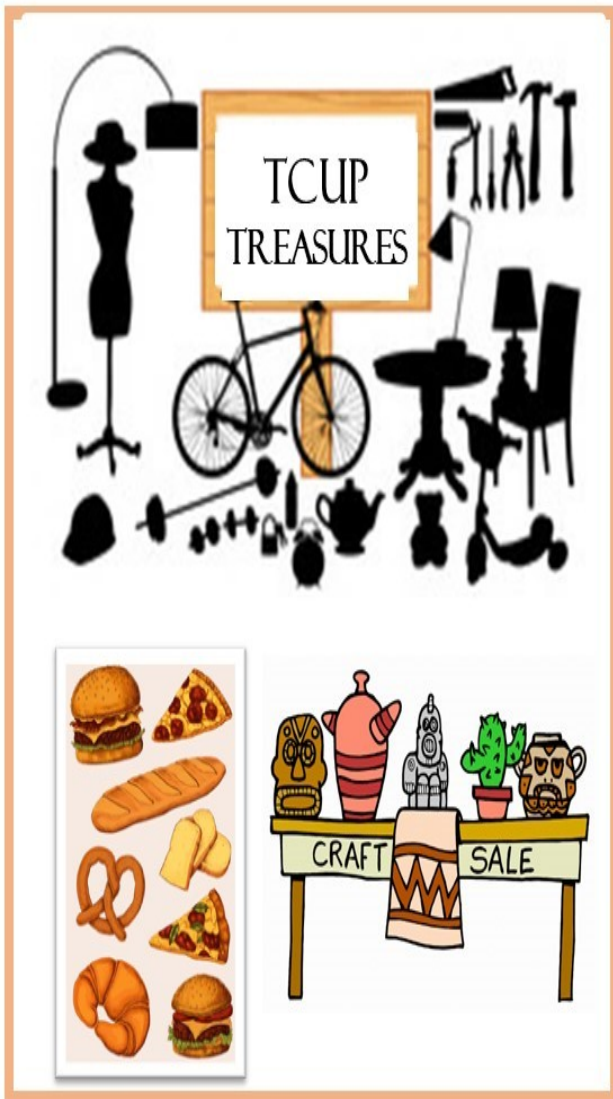
Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the coveted "Neighborhood Association Award" this year which was awarded to Ron Reed of Des Moines for his 1964 Ford Mustang.

A special thanks to Bruce Hanson for being a judge and selecting this winner for UPNA. Bruce is on the Heritage Carousel Board and lives in the Union Park neighborhood.

Proceeds from the show support The Heritage Carousel and help keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. Rollin Relics will present the Heritage Carousel with a check at one of their future meetings. A big "Thank you" 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.



**1964 Ford Mustang owned by Ron Reed. Winner of 2022 Neighborhood Award**



Proceeds for new Wee Care Childcare Playground @ TCUP!

# ★ TCUP Treasures ★ Rummage Craft & Bake SALE

Saturday, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**The Church at Union Park (TCUP)**

**821 Arthur Ave. 50316**

**Time 9AM-5PM**

Help the cause. Donate new & gently used items before Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Interested in being a vendor? Sell your crafts at the sale.  
Email [info@unionpark.church](mailto:info@unionpark.church) for more information.

Worship the Lord with us on Sundays @ 10AM  
in-person or at [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

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# Union Park United Methodist Church

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



Thursday, October 6th, 10 AM-5 PM

Friday, October 7th, 10 AM-5 PM

Saturday, October 8th, 9 AM-12 PM

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

Lots of Household Items, Clothing,  
Books and Holiday Items

**Bake Sale**

We will also be serving Pie & Coffee

For More Info:

Call Union Park United Methodist Church  
at 262-3734

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT/BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

August 3<sup>rd</sup> was the National Night Out (NNO) celebration in the parking lot at the Union Park United Methodist Church (UPUMC). This annual event is hosted by the UPUMC with the support of UPNA. Even with the brutally hot weather (100°+), attendance was higher than usual with about 170 people. Elected officials from Polk County and the City of Des Moines stopped by to say hello.

UPUMC does something special with National Night Out by also making it a Back to School Party for the kids. This year 58 back packs with school supplies were given out, much to the delight of many of the kids (and parents).

Des Moines Police and Fire Fighters mingled with everyone and made a special connection with the kids by participating in games with them. The fire truck and ambulance was a big hit!

Great food (burgers and hot dogs, chips, baked beans, cookies, popcorn and lemonade) was provided.

For the first time in several years, the train was back for the kids to ride. Larry Bailey built the train engine on the chassis of a garden tractor (complete with “smoke” and sound) and Dave Clement built the cars from 55 gallon plastic barrels. Kids of all ages had so much fun!

There was music, free stuff, games and bubbles outside. Inside, where it was cooler, there were games, and kids learned about fly-fishing.

National Night out is an event for our neighbors and for kids to have fun, eat and interact with our first responders. A big thank you to the many hands of the Union Park United Methodist Church who volunteered, labored and contributed financially to making National Night Out in the Union Park neighborhood a big success again.



## SPARK UP

The Spark UP Committee members 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. Their biggest accomplishment this year was PorchFest DSM 2022. Here are some other things they are working on:

Thompson Treat (information in this newsletter).

Chili Cook-Off - Usually held in October at the home of James and Rachel Riley. Chili entries need to be turned in at 6:00 PM. Anonymous voting takes place. Prizes and trophies will be awarded. Fun for everyone.

Christmas at the Carousel – Family Friendly event. Held in early December from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Refreshments. Santa and Mrs. Clause. The Carousel will be open for rides.

If you are interested in joining the Spark UP Committee or getting involved in implementing the ideas, contact us at [info@unionparkdsm.com](mailto:info@unionparkdsm.com)





# PORCHFEST DSM 2022

PorchFest DSM 2022 was announced in our last newsletter (July 2022), which is available on our website. The walking festival on the welcoming porches of Union Park neighborhood was September 11th. The free porch shows were performed by 17 Iowa based artist, and entertained an estimated 600+ people.

PorchFest merchandise was available on the day of the event. Leftover PorchFest merchandise will be available at the Fall General

Meeting on October 11 at the Ding Darling Shelter (information in this newsletter). Additional t-shirts may be ordered through the Captain Roy's website <https://shop.captainroys.com/>

We hope the PorchFest concept catches on in other neighborhoods throughout the Des Moines area. If neighborhood leaders want to gain from our experience, they can go to the "contact us" page on the PorchFest website or message us through FB or [info@UnionParkDSM.com](mailto:info@UnionParkDSM.com).

We want to thank our sponsors: Polk County, Iowa State Bank, Neighborhood Development Corporation and Captain Roy's. We also want to give credit to Mark Lage who did much of the photography for the event. He is a local guy who photographs a lot of musicians. Most important, we thank the Spark UP committee members who volunteered countless hours to make this event a big success.



Design by Mollie Wallace



Heath Alan played a soprano saxophone at Porchfest 2022



Lani plays Porchfest 2022 in Union Park



Here are some links you might like:

**Follow on Facebook: PorchFest DSM**

<https://www.facebook.com/porchfestdsm>

[PorchFest DSM | Facebook](#)

**PorchFest Website:**

<https://www.porchfestdsm.org/>

[PorchFest Des Moines 2022](#)

[\(porchfestdsm.org\)](#)

**Merchandise:**

<https://www.porchfestdsm.org/merch>

**Online map:**

<https://www.porchfestdsm.org/porches-2022>



Audience members enjoy music at the first Porchfest 2022



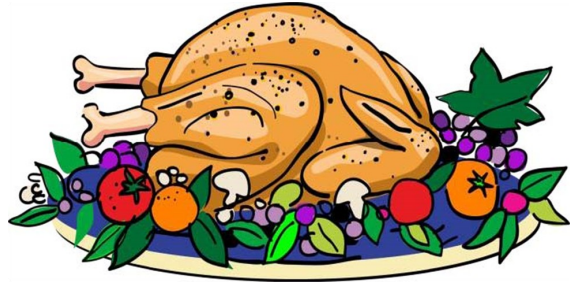
PorchFest DSM 2022 was made possible by our inaugural sponsors: Thank you.





## Turkey Dinner at Union Park Grace Fellowship

The Union Park Grace Fellowship Church at 832 Grandview Avenue is having their annual Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 4:00 to 6:30. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, dressing, green beans, two salads, rolls/butter, pie and drink all for \$10 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 10, 2022. The Church is located on the corner of East 9th Street and Grandview Avenue. This is a long time tradition for the UP Grace Fellowship Church. The church is 130 years old and the sanctuary is the original gym for Grand View College. This event is a fundraiser for the church but it also is considered a community outreach. Hope to see you there.




### City of Des Moines Department of Public Works 2022 SCRUB Calendar

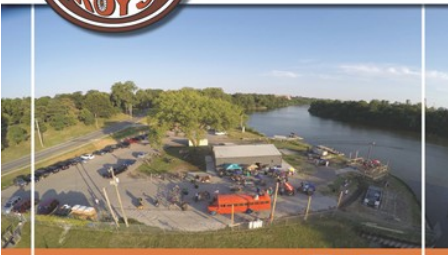


Date	Location	Hours
10/15/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM
11/19/2022	MWA Transfer Station, 4198 Delaware Ave. MWA Compost Center, 1601 Harriett St.	7 AM - 2 PM 7 AM - 2 PM


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(USA)



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



# THE HERITAGE CAROUSEL

## Carousel Marks Another Year

The Heritage Carousel closed for the 2022 Season on Sunday, September 25. It was another fun summer at the Carousel. Over 40,000 people rode the beautiful animals this year and the Carousel was the site of numerous birthday parties, photo sessions, community activities, and family reunions. The Carousel is still available for private rentals through mid-November, weather permitting. For more information or to schedule your rental, go to [www.heritagecarousel.org](http://www.heritagecarousel.org).



2023 will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation for the Heritage Carousel is Union Park. The Carousel opened in July of 1998 and has become a Union Park icon alongside the Rocket Slide. The Des Moines Carousel Foundation is planning for a 25<sup>th</sup> Celebration next summer so stay tuned for more information. If you would like to be involved in planning this event, send an email to [information@heritagecarousel.org](mailto:information@heritagecarousel.org).



Board Member Adam Lackey serves SnoCones at National Carousel Day

## Thank You, Friends

Thank you to everyone who supported the Carousel this summer by riding, purchasing merchandise, and making a financial contribution. The Carousel could not continue to operate if it were not for the financial support of the community. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Carousel, please go to

[www.heritagecarousel.org](http://www.heritagecarousel.org) to our donate page or send a check to Heritage Carousel, PO Box 8352, Des Moines, IA 50301-8352.

# Thank You

## Heritage Carousel Thank You Party

The Heritage Carousel recently hosted a party to thank all of the people who go above and beyond to keep the Carousel going around.

On Wednesday, September 14, the Carousel hosted a reception for donors, volunteers, and special friends. About 75 people came out for food, drink, and Carousel Rides. The group was entertained with music by guitarist Aaron Powell.



Rosie the Reader at Storytime



Aaron Powell



Welcome



## CRUISE TO THE CAROUSEL - Carousel Award

The 21st Annual Cruise to the Carousel took place on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in Union Park. The Heritage Carousel had over 700 riders during the show and everyone had a great time! Rollin' Relics had a tough time deciding which of the beautiful cars would be honored with one of the 50+ awards.

The coveted Carousel Award went to Dick Harris of Ankeny for his 1957 Ford Skyliner Retractable.

Thank you to everyone who came out to see the cars, brought their cars out, and especially to the Des Moines Rollin Relics Car Club for holding this show every year to benefit the Heritage Carousel.



**1957 Ford Skyliner Retractable owned by Dick Harris. 2022 Carousel Award**



**LEAD HORSE (Row 5, Outside)  
"McFarland"  
Adopted by  
Union Park  
Neighborhood Association**



# Union Park Neighborhood Association

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## BECOME A MEMBER

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Form is also available on our website at [www.unionparkdsm.com](http://www.unionparkdsm.com)

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ E-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.

### UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

