



UNION PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

Our guest speaker will be Polk County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith and Des Moines Police Chief Dana Wingert. Dylan Mullenix, Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, will inform us about Water Trails and Greenway Plans. Ward 2 City Councilperson Linda Westergaard will update us on City activities.



Also on the agenda is a report on UPNA's accomplishments this year and other reports, Lawn of the Week Awards, Half Century Awards and election of officers. As always, we will have cookies.

The Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park is located near Guthrie and Saylor Road at 2100 Saylor Road. There is plenty of parking. For information about the Ding Darling Shelter go to <http://www.dmgov.org/Departments/Parks/Pages/Birdland.aspx>

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16th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel”

The 16th Annual “Cruise to the Carousel” was Sunday, August 28th at the Heritage Carousel in Union Park. According to Steve Klinkefus, member of Rollin Relics and organizer of the show, this years participation and number of entries exceeded all past years. Proceeds from the show support The Heritage Carousel and help keep the rides for children at 50 cents each. Thank you to all who supported the show by organizing, entering, donating to the event and/or attending. Union Park Neighborhood Association sponsored the coveted “Carousel Award” again this year which was awarded to Chuck Clark for his 1941 Gray Oldsmobile (Stock Category). The Rollin’ Relics is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel! The contribution to the Heritage Carousel will be announced at a later date.



The Heritage Carousel is closed for the season but it is open during the 1st and 2nd weekends of October from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The Carousel is still available for private rentals through November.

The website for the Heritage Carousel is <http://www.heritagecarousel.org/>

Follow the HERITAGE CAROUSEL on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Heritage-Carousel/372860998843>

Lawn of the Week Awards

The 2016 Lawn of the Week Awards will be presented during the Fall General Meeting at the Ding Darling Shelter on October 6. 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. This summer, Yvonne and Tom McDermott, Lawn of the Week Award Coordinators, walked and drove through the area to identify outstanding front yards of neighbors whose lawns exemplified both neatness and beauty. As they found a “winner”, Tom and Yvonne placed 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 winners will be honored with a certificate of achievement and a gift certi-

cate to Goodes Greenhouse.

Congratulations to the following neighbors:

Rev. Lee Webb - 2300 E 13th St

Don and Sue Brown - 1712 E 12th St

Diane Schaefer - 703 Arthur

Alan Roberts - 733 Wisconsin

Don Van Zandt - 2344 North Union

Deb Gomez - 806 Alpha

Brian Bejarano - 2325 E 13th

Ryan Anderson 706 Wisconsin

Although there is not a formal process for this award, nominations are appreciated and gratefully accepted. Yvonne said that they followed up on nominations that were submitted by friends and

neighbors but sometimes there was no response when the owner was contacted. They need the approval of the owner before they can put the sign in the yard.

Please send your suggestions for a 2017 Lawn of the Week to info@unionparkdsm.com



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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!

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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.

National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is a big deal in most of the organized neighborhoods in Des Moines. NNO is America’s celebration against crime. We in the Union Park Neighborhood, are extremely fortunate that the Union Park United Methodist Church steps up each year with their volunteers and organization skills to sponsor National Night out in the Union Park Neighborhood. Again, NNO was celebrated August 2nd at the Church parking lot. They offered free food, games, lively music, and entertainment. Des Moines Fire and Police representatives and community partners stopped by that night to say hello. NNO was combined with a “Back to School Party” and about 80 free backpacks with school supplies were provided to children on a first come first serve basis. The event was well attended and a huge success. Thank you to the good people at the Union Park United Methodist Church!

National Night Out



was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all those who came out and all those who volunteered to make this event so wonderful rewarding!



City of Des Moines has launched a news smart phone app to help citizens report concerns of garbage pickup, urban blight, vandalism, pot holes and more. The information goes directly to necessary city staff. This new feature will assist the 24 hour Public Works call center (283-4950) in responding to its nearly 57,000 annual calls requests/ per year. “My DSM Mobile” allows for a more efficient process- aiding residents in a higher quality of life.

Website for more info - [https://](https://desmoinesia.citysourced.com/mobile)

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See link on City of Des Moines Facebook page here to share:

<https://www.facebook.com/DesMoinesGov/photos/a.376856179026934.81812.198320120213875/1158881654157712/?type=3&theater>

Or post:

#MyDSMmobile. City's new mobile app to report issues.

<http://www.dmgov.org/pages/mydsmmobile.aspx>

Or tweet:

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2016 Half Century Awards

At the UPNA Fall General Meeting on October 6th, the Half Century Awards will be given to two residents who have lived in the same house continually in the Union Park neighborhood for 50 years or more. This award program has been going on since 1998.

Congratulations to:

Grace L Connell has lived in the neatly maintained house at 701 Morton Ave for 70 years. One neighbor describes Grace as one of the strongest women he has ever met. The Craftsman style house is known as “The House of Seven Gables”.

Sally Lawson has lived continuously at 2717 Cambridge Street since 1966, exactly 50 years. Her home was built in 1947 and she has proudly maintained the single story bungalow home. It is the jewel of the neighborhood.

The purpose of this program is to call attention to and honor our neighborhood’s long-time residents. The living memory and the presence of these individuals in our neighborhood contribute a distinct sense of place to Union Park and a source of stability within a quickly changing world.

If you know of someone who has lived in the Union Park area for at least 50 years, please find the application form on our website or if you have questions, email us at info@UnionParkDSM.com

Des Moines Rowing Club

The Des Moines Rowing Club (DMRC) is a 501c3 created to promote the sport of rowing in Central Iowa. The club was founded in 1983 and hosted its first regatta - named Head of the Des Moines - that same year. Since then, the club has grown to over 200 members. Although most members live in the Des Moines metropolitan area, the club does include rowers from Ames, Indianola, Marshalltown and surrounding communities.

The club is run by a volunteer board of directors that meets once a month. Board members are supported by volunteer committees consisting of other members. As a part of the annual membership requirements, each member must contribute 15 hours of volunteer support to the club, five of which are to support the annual Head of the Des Moines, a 5K head race between the Botanical Center and Prospect Park, held the last Saturday in September and attended by rowing clubs throughout the Midwest. Sadly, due to river conditions, and our #1 priority in keeping rowers safe, the Regatta has been cancelled for this year.

The club rents space at Gray’s Lake in Overlook Terrace, where we offer community Learn to Row classes, both sweep (one oar per person and a cox directs the crew) and sculling (one person has two oars and no cox in the boat), as well as hold our summer long Novice program. The club also rents space at Birdland Marina, where the experienced members row on the river. The club also has a Juniors program for local high school students, as well as an adaptive program for paraplegic rowers.

The club provides and maintains the docks for rowers use as well as community use. The club has adopted the shoreline around the Birdland Marina area to help with neighborhood beautification efforts.

The rowing season typically runs from March through November, but depending on weather, some rowers brave the elements and row year round. The off season is spent inside the Guzman building at Birdland Marina doing equipment maintenance, practicing on the ergometers (called ergs or rowing machines), and holding enrichment classes for members on rowing related topics. New for this year is the introduction of community classes related to rowing, starting with erging for veterans with PSD in conjunction with the VA.

We invite any of our Birdland neighbors to stop by and say hi to check out the sport we love. For more information go to: <http://desmoinesrowing.org/> and follow us on Facebook.

By Brenda Copley President, Des Moines Rowing Club



Shred Truck - October 1

Highland Park Neighborhood is sponsoring a Shred Truck on Saturday October 1st from 10:00 to noon in the parking lot of Highland Presbyterian Church at 4th & Euclid. This is a great opportunity to positively and confidently have personal documents destroyed. This is free for everyone.



In Case You Missed It

March - Two new benches were installed by UPNA in Union Park this spring near Mattern and East 9th. The benches were paid for by Polk County grant money. They are located by a planter, also built by UPNA with Polk County Grant money, where the Des Moines Park and Recreation has planted various butterfly friendly plant species.

May 21st – the Heritage Carousel opened for the season with the First Rider of the Year contest (1 year old TJ was the winner). The season ended August 23. Rides for children are still 50 cents, thanks to the Rollin Relics.

May 24 – Animal Rescue League of Iowa offered free spay and neuter and veterinary services to Union Park residents.

June 3rd – Rendezvous on Riverview (now known simply as “ROR”) was held every Friday night in June and July on the Riverview Island. Great bands were featured each week.

July – Yoga in the Park was held in Union Park near the Rocket Slide every Saturday Morning during June.

July 29 – Grand View University hosted Jazz in July, west of the Rasmussen Center. The Pride of Iowa Chorus warmed up the stage for The High Society Big Band.

August 7th – Clowns at the Carousel. This annual free family event is held at the Heritage Carousel.

August 28th – the 16th Annual Cruise to the Carousel Car Show was held at the Heritage Carousel, sponsored by the Rollin Relics Car Club. It is the largest annual contributor to the Heritage Carousel to keep the cost of rides at 50 cents for children.

August 27th - Parks Area Sweet Corn Day – This annual event offers all you can eat fresh sweet corn on the cob plus watermelon and beverages. Held on 6th Ave, between Euclid and Douglas Avenues in Des Moines with the live background sounds of the Backstage Boogie Band

Newsletters are time consuming and expensive to produce and mail. No one wants their email choked with messages. In between newsletters, UPNA heavily depends on Facebook to get news and important information out. A link to Facebook is on our website. Love it or hate it, social media is a reality. Follow us on Facebook.

Know When to Call 911

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance.

Examples include:

If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 911 and letting the call-taker determine whether you need emergency help.

When calling 911, be prepared to answer the following questions:

- The location of the emergency, including street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details of the emergency

Follow instructions. Most 911 centers can tell you exactly what to do to assist in an emergency until help arrives, such as providing step-by-step instructions to aid someone who is choking or needs first aid or CPR. Remain on the line until instructed otherwise.

If you dial 911 by mistake, do not hang up! Simply explain to the call-taker what happened.

Since 911 was introduced in 1968, efforts to raise public awareness about 911 have been effective. The Des Moines Fire Department transported over 15,000 patients last year, many of which did not require immediate medical attention.

For non emergencies, call 515-283-4811. Visit: www.smart911.com for more info.

Become a TreeKeeper!

Trainings held on Tuesdays, October 4, 11& 18, 2016 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ding Darling Shelter, 2100 Saylor Road, Des Moines. Cost is \$30 and includes a light dinner, an official Trees Forever TreeKeepers handbook and t-shirt.

Trees Forever TreeKeepers assist in local tree plantings, help to care for and maintain young trees, and provide a voice for trees in our community.

Hands on classroom training include tree species ID and benefits, proper planting techniques, and tree maintenance.

Sponsored by Trees Forever in partnership with the City of Des Moines.

To Register: [www.treesforever.org/Treekeepers by October 1](http://www.treesforever.org/TreekeepersbyOctober1)

Questions: Contact Leslie Berckes at 515-681-2295 or LBerckes@treesforever.org.

Trees Forever, 770 7th AVE, Marion, IA 52302, www.treesforever.org



Starting Spring 2017!

Captain Roy's will be serving food & beverages at Birdland Marina

Check us out on Facebook for our locations:
www.facebook.com/Captainroys1

Community Calendar

October 1: Free Shred Truck from 10:00 to noon in the parking lot at 4th & Euclid.

October 6: UPNA Fall General Meeting (details in this newsletter)

October 6-8: Fall Rummage and Bake Sale at the Union Park United Methodist Church at 2305 E 12th ST (corner of E 12th and Guthrie).

October 10: Pre-Winter Check-up at North High

October 21: Cavatelli dinner at the Union Park United Methodist Church from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It is an annual favorite. The address is 2305 E 12th ST (corner of E 12th and Guthrie).

October 21: Kick off the [2016-2017 Nielsen Concert Series](#) at Grand View University. The Merling Trio will perform at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center, Speed Lyceum.

October 30: Safe Harvest Party will be Sunday, Oct 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Union Park United Methodist Church. Neighborhood kids are encouraged to come in costume. The address is 2305 E 12th ST (corner of E 12th and Guthrie).

November 6: The end of daylight savings time! Set your clocks back an hour.

November 8: VOTE!

November 8: Union Park Neighborhood Association Steering Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Grand View University, in the Humphrey Center, Rodholm Room. All of our meetings are open to the public. Check out the UPNA website. Announcements are posted on Face Book. We hope to see you there!

November 12: Turkey Dinner at Union Park Grace Fellowship Church-corner of East 9th and Grandview: 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm.

Des Moines Animal Control is your partner

If your pet becomes lost, ARL Animal Care & Control is your partner in getting your pet home quickly and safely.

Here are some other tips to help:

- Make sure your pets have a collar with your contact information
- Microchip your pets if they aren't already
- Make sure doors are shut securely when coming and going
- Check your fence for holes or loose boards

Together we can ensure Des Moines stays pet-friendly and people-safe! If your pet goes missing or you find a lost pet, call (515) 284-6905. Learn more at ARL-Iowa.org



Union Park Presbyterian Church 1307
Thompson Avenue

Rev. John W. Gilmore, Pastor

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

Phone: 266-4700

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Fall General Meeting
Thursday, October 6 at 7 pm
Jay N. "Ding" Darling Shelter House
Birdland Park 2100 Saylor Road

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 do not have an e-mail address. Please send my newsletter to my home.

Please send me information about _____